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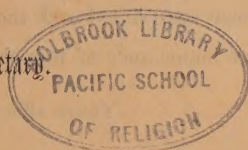
OF THE  
American Congregational Union,

MANUAL

FOR  
1859-60.

WITH A  
STATEMENT

BY THE  
Corresponding Secretary.



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ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY,

*Cor. Sec. Am. C. Union.*

CHELSEA, MASS., June 10, 1860.

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FOR 1860-61.

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## CONSTITUTION.

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I.—This Association shall be known in law as THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

II.—The particular business and objects of the Society shall be, to collect, preserve, and publish authentic information concerning the history, condition, and continued progress of the Congregational churches in all parts of this country, with their affiliated institutions, and with their relations to kindred churches and institutions in other countries :

To promote, by tracts and books, by devising and recommending to the public plans of co-operation in building meeting-houses and parsonages, and in providing parochial and pastoral libraries, and in other methods, the progress and well-working of the Congregational Church polity ;

To afford increased facilities for mutual acquaintance and friendly intercourse and helpfulness among ministers and churches in the Congregational order ;

And, in general, to do whatever a voluntary association of individuals may do, in Christian discretion, and without invading the appropriate field of any existing institution—for the promotion of evangelical knowledge and piety in connection with Congregational principles of church government.

III.—Its business shall be managed by a Board of not more than thirty, nor less than five, Trustees.

### MEMBERS.

Any person approving the objects of this Society, and desirous of co-operating with it, may become a member for life on the payment of twenty-five dollars or more, at one time ; or a member for the current year on the payment of any other sum not less than one dollar.

### OFFICERS.

The Officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, a Board of Trustees, together with a Treasurer, Secretary, and such other executive officers as shall be needful for the transacting of its business.

The President, Vice-President, and Board of Trustees shall be elected by the Union, at the annual meeting. The Secretary, Treasurer, and other agents shall be appointed by the Trustees.

The Trustees shall have entire charge and oversight of the business of the Union, with power to fill vacancies in their number until the next annual election.

### MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the Union shall be held in New York or Brooklyn, on the second Thursday in May, when the report of the Board of Trustees shall be presented, the election of officers take place, and other appropriate business be transacted.

Special meetings may be called in New York, or elsewhere, either by vote of the Union, or at the request of a majority of the Trustees, of which extensive public notice shall be given.



We publish below "Conditions," forms of "Application and Recommendation," also "Certificate and Agreement," that all may see with what safeguards we are pursuing our work.

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## CONDITIONS

### On which aid is granted for Building Houses of Worship by the American Congregational Union.

I.—All appropriations must be for the benefit of *Evangelical Congregational Churches*, not on the plan of union. The name of the church, its Society, and location, must be given in full.

II.—In no case will a sum of money be appropriated which is greater than one half of the amount raised by the church that makes the application; and in all cases, the smallest sum that will suffice must be asked for.

III.—Every application must be indorsed and commended by the State or Territorial Church-building Committee; and if there be no such Committee, by two or more ministers, or well known laymen, conversant with the condition, prospects, and wants of the place, and of the church asking aid.

IV.—It is confidently expected that every church receiving aid, will contribute, every year, to the funds of the American Congregational Union.

V.—Every church receiving aid will report to the Corresponding Secretary, at the end of six months after entering its sanctuary, the increase of its congregation, of its own membership, and of its Sabbath School, and any other items of general interest.

VI.—The church or Society receiving aid must own its house of worship and land on which it stands in fee simple, and, with the aid granted, must be free from debt or encumbrance. In no case will money be advanced on promises that a house of worship will be completed; the appropriation must pay the last bills; leaving no claim or lien against the house, or land upon which it stands, or against the church or parish, either in LAW, EQUITY, or HONOR.

VII.—The Trustees will not be bound to pay any appropriation for a longer period than ONE YEAR after it is made.

VIII.—In no case will the Trustees be bound to pay *any* appropriation, where the size of the house or its cost are materially greater than the estimates upon which the appropriation was originally made.

IX.—All applications must be made by the officers of the Society and the church asking aid, and be accompanied with answers to the following questions:

What is the amount of reliable subscription raised?

What is the size of the house which it is proposed to build?

What is the material to be used in the building?

What are the general plans and style of the edifice ?

When is it to be completed ?

What is the population of the place ?

How many members has the church ?

What is the average attendance on public worship ?

Have you good reasons for believing that you could support preaching regularly ?

What other church organizations and church edifices, if any, within three miles ?

Is the Society (if there be one) organized according to the statutes of the State ?

Were the Trustees legally chosen ?

Is the title to the building-lot a good and legal one ?

In addition to full replies to each of the foregoing questions, state any other facts which would show the real need of aid.

When the preceding "Conditions" have been complied with, and an appropriation made, the money will be forwarded on the receipt of the accompanying *Certificate and Agreement*, duly filled and signed.

## FORM OF APPLICATION.

**We, the Undersigned**, officers of the.....Congregational Church of.....County of.....and State of.....do hereby certify and state :

1.—That the answers to the foregoing questions are, to the best of our knowledge, strictly correct.

2.—That the LEAST amount that will suffice to complete and pay last bills on our house of worship, *with our utmost exertions*, is the sum of.....dollars.

We therefore do most urgently request the Trustees of the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION to appropriate the above amount, holding it in reserve for us until we can fill up and return the "Certificate and Agreement," made and provided for this purpose, the receipt of which we hereby acknowledge. And we moreover pledge ourselves and our associates, further, to do our best to comply with all the conditions before named, remembering, annually, other feeble churches, destitute of houses of worship, when we shall have completed and entered our own.

Respectfully,

.....	} Trustees.	.....	} Deacons.
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.....Minister.

FORM OF RECOMMENDATION.

The **Undersigned** are well satisfied that the foregoing statements are reliable, and the church asking aid well deserves sympathy and help. Our knowledge of the place, and of the members of the church, warrants us in commending them heartily to the favorable consideration of the Trustees of the American Congregational Union. We believe they are doing their best to meet their own necessities, and ask no more than they absolutely need.

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CERTIFICATE AND AGREEMENT.

**We, the Undersigned**,.....of the.....Congregational Church of.....County of.....State of .....hereby certify that the House of Worship built by this.....is now completed, and that the ground upon which it stands is owned by the said.....free and clear of encumbrance, and that the sum of.....dollars, appropriated by the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION, is sufficient to pay all debts now outstanding ; and on the receipt of said appropriation by us, we hereby agree to discharge all debts that can be made a lien against the aforesaid House of Worship, or the land upon which it stands, and also to keep the said House insured against loss by fire.

**Furthermore**, we hereby agree, for ourselves and our successors in office, that in the event of the aforesaid Congregational Church shall, from any cause, become extinct, or change from an Evangelical Congregational Church, that the above sum of.....dollars shall revert to the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION, and we hereby promise and agree to well and truly pay, or cause to be paid, the same to the Treasurer of said CONGREGATIONAL UNION, within six months after such dissolution or change.

The whole cost of the House and Land is \$ .....

Amount already paid on the same is \$ .....

Amount of the appropriation is \$ .....

**Witness** our hands and seals this.....day of.....one thousand eight hundred and sixty .....

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 ..... } Trustees.  
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**We** hereby certify to the correctness of the above statement.

..... Minister.

..... } Deacons.  
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## ANNUAL REPORT.

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The Seventh Anniversary Exercises of the American Congregational Union were held in the Broadway Tabernacle, New York, May 8, 1860. In the absence of the President, the Rev. Joseph P. Thompson, D.D., called the meeting to order. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Joel H. Linsley, D.D., of Greenwich, Conn. After which the report of the Trustees was read by the Corresponding Secretary as follows, viz.,

In presenting their Seventh Annual Report, the Trustees of the American Congregational Union would gratefully recognize and acknowledge the Divine blessing upon their work, now fairly begun. Since the Corresponding Secretary has given his whole time to our service—two years and one month—we have had under our care fifty-four churches, eight only having been previously received. Of these sixty-two churches in all, one has been dropped at its own request. Previous to May 1, 1858, seven houses of worship had been completed, and nine during the following year. The exceedingly hard times at the West for the three years past, and in many parts of that region the last has been the hardest, have prevented many of the feeble churches from finishing their work of building, which was commenced with the full confidence of completion ere this. Still, our Treasurer has paid last bills on twenty-four sanctuaries the past year, and there are twenty-one now under appropriation, in a process of completion. This year began with an appropriated balance in the treasury of four thousand nine hundred and thirteen dollars and twenty-eight cents. There has been paid to the Treasurer from May 1, 1859, to May 1, 1860, inclusive, nine thousand eight hundred and seventy-two dollars and thirteen cents, making the available resources for the year fourteen thousand seven hundred eighty-five dollars and forty-one cents. Of this amount six thousand and four hundred dollars have been paid to the twenty-four churches whose sanctuaries have been completed, and there is an appropriated balance of five thousand and one dollars and thirty-six cents in the treasury. This amount, and one thousand and five hundred dollars besides, are

pledged for the twenty-one houses of worship now in a process of building.

It should be said here that the past is really our first year of work. And *this* has been encompassed by many embarrassments, some growing out of prejudice, some out of the exceeding pressure for funds from older and larger societies, some from ignorance of the character and importance of our object, but these will soon cease to be effective, it is believed, and this organization will have a place in the affections and charities of those who love the faith and the church polity of the Apostles and the Puritans. May that time speedily come ! Else, how shall we meet the increasing demands upon our treasury, now over pledged in the sum of more than fifteen hundred dollars ; and our Secretary is in correspondence now, with twenty-two churches, from each of which we are expecting an immediate application for help, and at least as many, if not twice as many, more may be looked for during the coming twelve months, and these churches are all our churches, dependent churches, hopeful and promising, if they can receive a little to meet *this* their great exigency—hopeful and promising, if they can secure sanctuaries suited to their necessities, free of debt. But, if they can not get help, they will, as they must, despair, if not die out, as, alas, many have done ! If all, if the one half, of our churches, would contribute annually even comparatively small amounts to this object, we could aid all absolutely needy and dependent churches, and no other worthy object of Christian charity could be prejudiced thereby. So far from this, we are sure that, by this mode of disbursing consecrated funds, very much is saved to other channels of benevolence immediately and directly, and, moreover, the churches thus aided become giving churches, thus helping to swell the stream of Christian munificence. Our dependence is upon, as our appeal is to, the pastors of our churches. We again, in the name of our common Master and common Christianity, and in the name of more than ten thousand of Christ's poor, divided into some four hundred feeble, struggling Congregational churches, in as many dark and needy communities destitute of sanctuaries, urge and beseech them to place this good, though it be a new, cause upon their calendar, and give it a place among their cherished charities. The immediate enlargement of the congregations and Sabbath schools of the churches we have

already aided, the goodly number before dependent—now self-sustaining, the precious revivals of religion which have followed the release of the struggling church from its narrow, dark, cramped rooms, or no rooms, and its entrance into the humble but commodious House of the Lord, and every way the spring and life given to these churches in such a delightful transition, *MAKE THIS a work as immediately remunerative* as it is glorious : and adequate means only are wanting to prosecute it with much greater proportionate economy, and on a basis somewhat adequate to its demands.

As the *Year Book* had been given to pastors who would pledge and take up collections for this object, and as this Annual has been merged in the *Congregational Quarterly*—in the pages of which our work is reported—every three months—the Trustees authorized their Secretary to send, at the expense of our treasury, the current volume of that periodical to every minister who would pledge and take up and forward a collection free of expense to us in aid of the church-building fund. This was believed to be the cheapest agency that could be employed. One hundred and sixty-four pledges have been received, and about one third have taken and forwarded their collections. It is hoped that those yet unpaid will be soon forthcoming.

The Trustees would make grateful mention of the fact that quite a number of individuals have, during the last year, each, assumed the responsibility of completing and paying last bills on a sanctuary. One in the sum of five hundred dollars, another three hundred, quite a number two hundred and fifty and two hundred, and others for a smaller sum. The Lord will reward them ; and will he not also turn the hearts of many to imitate examples so worthy ? Trusting in God's unfailing goodness ; trusting in Christ's undying love to his own poor ; trusting in the sympathy and prayers and co-operation of Christ's faithful stewards, we give ourselves in HOPE to the work of a coming year.

The Annual Address was then delivered by Prof. Austin Phelps, D.D., of Andover, Mass., on the " Relations of the Pulpit to the Masses." At the close, a prayer was offered by Rev. Milton Badger, D.D., a hymn was sung, and the benediction pronounced.

We regret exceedingly that the author feels constrained to withhold his address from publication for the present, but trust he will some day give it to the public, that it may do greater service in the cause of truth.



## BUSINESS MEETING

OF THE

## AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

THE Seventh Annual Meeting of the American Congregational Union, for business, was held in the City Assembly Rooms, 448 Broadway, at 3 o'clock P.M., on Thursday, May 10, 1860. The President, Rev. Leonard Bacon, D.D., occupied the Chair. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Owen Street, of Lowell, Mass.

## THE TREASURER'S REPORT

was read, as follows, and adopted :

American Congregational Union in Account with N. A. Calkins, Treas.

## Dr.

MAY 1, 1860.  
Balance in Treasury, as per Report May 1,  
1859, \$4,913 28

*Cash received from Maine.*

1st Congregational Society, Norway,	2 00
Rev. J. B. Cook, Wells,	5 00
High Street Cong'l Church, Portland,	10 00
Congregational Church Monument,	2 00
Rev. Joseph Smith, Lowell,	5 00
"A Friend," Portland,	2 00
Total,	\$26 00

*From New Hampshire.*

Cong'l Church and Society, Laconia,	10 00
Annual member,	1 00
Cong'l Church, Greenfield,	7 00
" " East Jaffray,	3 00
" " Salmon Falls,	5 50
" " Keene,	20 14
" " Swanzey,	6 00
" " Sullivan,	6 48
" " Lyme,	20 00
" " Rye,	4 00
Cong'l Church & Society, Chester,	3 00
" " Oakham,	6 00
" " Pelham,	10 00
Rev. A. H. Cutter, Nelson,	5 00
Total,	\$107 12

Forward, \$5,046 40

Brought forward, \$5,046 40

*From Vermont.*

Cong'l Church, Pittsford,	19 00
1st Cong'l Church & Society, St. Alban's,	65 75
" " Georgia,	5 75
" " Fair Haven,	6 00
" " Lunenburg,	6 12
" " E. Westminster,	3 50
Rev. James C. Haughton, Chelsea,	1 00
Rev. Cephas H. Kent, Enosburg,	5 00
G. G. Williams, "	1 00
Mrs. Mary Partridge, Waterbury,	5 00
Rev. S. S. Arnold, West Townshend,	3 00
Total,	\$121 12

*From Canada.*

Annual member,	1 00
"A Canadian-born Son of New England,"	
at Montreal	50 00
Total,	\$51 00

*From Massachusetts.*

1st Cong'l Church, Northampton,	10 00
" " Newton Center,	103 63
1st Cong'l Church & Soc., W. Springfield,	20 68
2d " " Attleboro',	17 08
Central " Middleboro',	6 00
Cong'l " Framingham,	62 00

Forward, \$5,437 91

*Massachusetts—Continued.*

	Brought forward,	\$5,437 91	
Congregational Ch.,	E. Abington,	75 00	
"	Williamsburg,	45 00	
"	Byfield,	8 20	
1st "	Somerville,	58 00	
Trinitarian "	Waltham,	32 12	
Mather "	Jamaica Plain,	50 00	
Cong'l "	Goshen,	5 00	
Trinitarian "	Andover,	20 00	
Cong'l "	Thorndike,	8 00	
Winnissimmett "	Chelsea,	137 11	
Tabernacle "	Salem,	36 48	
South "	"	270 50	
	Cong'l "	Essex,	81 06
	"	Abington,	55 32
	"	& Soc., Hatfield,	26 00
1st "	"	Springfield,	36 94
South "	"	"	47 35
	"	South Abington,	30 00
Broadway "	"	Chelsea,	56 80
	"	Winchester,	79 37
1st "	"	Chicopee,	12 00
Union "	"	Sudbury,	19 94
	"	Wayland,	14 50
Annual members,			11 00
O. W. Wilcox, Esq.,	Springfield,		10 00
A. Kingman, Esq.,	Boston,		250 00
Miss M. I. Chittenden,	Chelsea,		6 00
" A Friend,"			250 00
Rev. H. B. Hooker,	Boston,		5 00
Eliphalet Gilman, Esq.,	Chelsea,		250 00
Rev. Otis Lombard,	Southfield,		10 00
" A Friend,"	Boston,		10 00
Chas. Merriam, Esq.,	Springfield,		300 00
Estate of Dea. Ezra W. Fletcher,			1,000 00
Rev. Isaac P. Langworthy,	Chelsea,		200 00
Rev. Naham Gale, Lee,			5 00
Rev. E. Colton,	Southwick,		5 00
Mrs. Mary Ann Bigelow,	Weston,		25 00
Hon. Joshua P. Trask,	Gloucester,		100 00
Capt. Nathaniel Smith,	Newburyport,		50 00
Individuals in Payson Ch.,	East Hampton,		13 00
Benevolent Society,	Brimfield,		18 00
" Poor Minister's Gift,"			2 00
Young Ladies' Benevolent Soc.,	Newton Center,		25 00
Benevolent Assoc. 1st Parish,	Amherst,		45 00
Miss Eastman's Sab. Sch. Class,	"		2 04
Russell Benevolent Society,	Hadley,		13 07
Union Church,	Groton,		53 56
Charitable Reading Soc.,	Reading Center,		25 00
Ladies' Evangelical Society,	Braintree,		25 25
Young Ladies of Cong'l Ch.,	Gloucester,		36 00
Winchendon,			5 00
Upton,			4 55
" Alice,"			0 08
Total,			\$4,178 63

*From Rhode Island.*

High Street Cong'l Church,	Providence,	275 00
Collection at a Union Meeting of the	Benevolent, Richmond Street, and	
Central Cong'l Churches of Providence,		44 59
Cong'l Church,	Barrington,	17 18
"	Slaterville,	25 00
Alden P. Field,	Pascoag,	25 00
Total,		\$386 77

*From Ohio.*

1st Cong'l Church,	Columbus,	75 00
"	Ravenna,	7 00
"	Orwell,	8 00

Forward, \$9,873 92

*Ohio—Continued.*

	Brought forward,	\$9,873 92
Cong'l Church,	Waynesville,	5 50
"	Whittlesey,	7 00
Rev. J. M. Fitch,	Oberlin,	10 00
Annual member,		1 00
Total,		\$113 50

*From Connecticut.*

Cong'l Church,	Windsor Locks,	20 76
Centre "	Meriden,	28 50
2d Cong'l "	Berlin,	26 00
1st "	Waterbury,	62 00
1st "	Norwich,	64 48
Broadway Cong'l,	"	81 04
2d "	Waterbury,	35 72
Cong'l "	Danielsonville,	40 00
1st "	Stamford,	57 57
"	Southington,	30 81
College Street Church,	New Haven,	29 51
Cong'l Ch. & Soc.,	North Stonington,	20 00
"	Sterling & Voluntown,	10 00
1st Cong'l Church,	Meriden,	107 44
1st "	Greenwich,	8 00
1st "	Middletown,	11 75
1st Church,	New Haven,	132 10
Congregational Church,	Naugatuck,	35 89
"	Deep River,	7 36
"	East Woodstock,	6 00
"	East Lyme,	25 00
"	Newton,	7 00
"	Madison,	61 42
"	Tarrington,	8 76
1st "	East Windsor,	13 20
"	Old Saybrook,	15 00
"	Westport,	30 00
1st "	Bridgeport,	67 38
Geo. Bulkley, Esq.,	Southport,	10 00
Benevolent Association,	North Cornwall,	25 03
Calvin H. Carter, Esq.,	Waterbury,	10 00
Nelson T. Scott, Esq.,	Naugatuck,	25 00
Almond Smith,	Ansonia,	5 00
Rev. J. G. Baird,	Center Brook,	2 00
" J,"	Hartford,	3 00
Mrs. E. A. Cowles,	West Meriden,	15 00
" A Friend,"	Hartford,	100 00
Amos Townshend, Esq.,	New Haven,	10 00
" W. S.,"	Waterbury,	5 00
Dea. Edward Trichell,	Southington,	10 00
S. W. C.,	Hartford,	10 00
" A Friend,"	Windsor,	25 00
Den. R. E. Rice,	Stamford,	20 00
Mrs. A. D. Lockwood,		25 00
Mrs. Emily Bigelow,		25 00
Dea. T. Higgins,	Southington,	50 00
S. Bourn,	Hartford,	10 00
A Friend,		20 00
Wm. E. Allen, Esq.,	Cheshire,	5 00
Rev. Charles S. Sherman,	Naugatuck,	4 00
Robert Coit, Esq.,	New London,	50 00
Annual members,		11 00
Total,		\$1,517 72

*From New York.*

Broadway Tabernacle Church,	N. Y.,	300 53
Congregational Church,	Lincklean,	4 00
"	Warsaw,	138 58
"	Java,	5 00
South "	Brooklyn,	47 22
1st "	Franklin,	17 00
1st "	Canandaigua,	40 00
1st "	Greene,	5 00
1st "	Gloversville,	63 32
New England Cong'l Ch.,	Williamsburgh,	39 41

Forward, \$12,075 20

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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*New York—Continued.*

Brought forward,	\$12,075 20
Cong'l Church, Lockport,	10 73
Church of the Puritans, New York,	350 00
Plymouth Church, Brooklyn,	437 55
"    "    Rochester,	46 00
Church of the Pilgrims, Brooklyn,	330 89
Clinton Av. Cong'l Church, "    "	227 00
" B. R. W.," Albany,	100 00
B. F. Howe, Esq., New York,	3 00
A Friend,	25 00
F. D. Kingman, Esq., Bergen,	4 00
L. P. Merriam, Albany,	2 00
" E. W.," Albany,	30 00
" A Mite,"	3 00
Mother and Son, Malta,	3 00
A Friend, Perry Center,	1 00
Annual members,	14 00
Total,	\$2,247 23

*From New Jersey.*

1st Congregational Church, Newark,	50 00
David Owen, "    "	1 00
Total,	\$51 00

*From Michigan.*

Congregational Church, Cooper,	8 86
"    "    Ransom,	4 00
"    "    Grand Haven,	25 00
"    "    Romeo,	16 00
"    "    Kalamazoo,	33 73
"    "    Pontiac,	9 00
"    "    Adrian,	9 66
"    "    Detroit,	36 34
"    "    Greenville,	3 50
"    "    Dowagiac,	1 24
"    "    Chelsea,	5 00
"    "    Ann Arbor,	8 81
"    "    Grand Rapids,	53 00
Rev. S. M. Judson, Armada,	1 00
Total,	\$215 14

*From Wisconsin.*

Congregational Church, Sheboygan,	5 00
"    "    Prescott,	9 50
Plymouth "    "    Milwaukee,	32 70
Cong'l "    "    Black Earth,	3 50
"    "    Hartland,	6 00
"    "    Johnston,	3 00
Annual members,	5 00
Total,	\$64 70

Forward, \$13,993 21

Brought forward, \$13,993 21

*From Illinois.*

1st Congregational Church, Quincy,	16 60
"    "    Geneseo,	61 25
"    "    Pittsfield,	25 50
1st "    "    Rockford,	39 00
"    "    Plymouth,	1 00
"    "    Bloomington,	13 00
"    "    Dover,	7 00
"    "    Chesterfield,	6 00
Total,	\$170 35

*From Indiana.*

L. A. Osborn, Farmersville,	1 50
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*From Iowa.*

Congregational Church, Denmark,	12 50
"    "    Big Rock & New Liberty,	5 00
"    "    Tipton,	3 50
Total,	\$21 00

*From Minnesota.*

Congregational Church, St. Anthony,	8 55
"    "    Minneapolis,	7 00
"    "    St. Paul,	8 47
"    "    Cannon Falls,	1 00
"    "    Winona,	11 00
"    "    Zumbrota,	2 00
Total,	\$38 02

*From Kansas.*

Annual member,	1 00
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*From California.*

Congregational Church, Downieville,	32 75
Congregation at Goodyear's Bar,	22 25
Total,	\$55 00

*From other sources.*

Balance from Collation,	264 68
From Year Books,	69 61
From a Friend to Christianity,	15 00
" Member of a Reformed Dutch Church,"	50 00
Friends,	33 00
Rev. David Trumbull, Valparaiso, S. A.,	10 00
Interest of Wm. Allen,	\$14 74
"    from U. S. Trust Co.,	48 30—
Total,	\$505 33

Grand Total, \$14,785 41



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Paid Appropriations to			Brought forward,	\$6,350 00
1st Cong'l Church, Mendota, Ill.,	\$100 00		Salary Corresponding Secretary,	2,000 00
" " Grand Haven, Mich.,	300 00		Traveling Expenses Cor. Sec.,	317 16
" " Indianapolis, Ind.,	500 00		Salary Office Agent,	200 00
" " Milwaukee, Wis.,	500 00		Rent and Fuel,	550 00
" Ch., Geneva, Kansas,	100 00		Postage, Stationery, and Circulars,	93 75
" " Hudson, Wis.,	250 00		Office Fixtures, Seal, etc.,	4 87
" " Winona, Minn.,	500 00		Discount on uncurrent money,	\$1 65
" " Flushing, N. Y.,	250 00		Paid for 150 Cong'l Quarterly for	
" " Aurora, Ill.,	200 00		members,	30 00
" " Eau Claire, Wis.,	250 00		Paid. Pub. Quarterly for Annual	
" " Burlington, Wis.,	200 00		Report,	25 00
" " Plymouth, Wis.,	250 00		Paid Sub. to 168 Cong'l Quarter-	
" " Newton, Iowa,	300 00		ly, sent to Churches where	
" " Abingdon, Ill.,	250 00		collections have been pledged,	168 00
" " Prescott, Wis.,	200 00			224 65
" " Ottawa, Wis.,	75 00		For Life Members' Certificates, and	
" " Holland, Mass.,	150 00		filling,	43 62
" " Brownsville, Neb.,	300 00			\$9,784 05
" " St. Charles, Minn.,	250 00			5,001 36
" " St. Joseph, Mich.,	200 00			
" " W. Spring Creek, Pa.,	175 00			\$14,785 41
" " Canandaigua, Mich.,	200 00			
" " Emporia, Kansas,	200 00			
" " Black Earth, Wis.,	150 00			
" " Wanbousa, Kansas,	500 00			
	\$6,350 00			

We, the undersigned, appointed by the Board of Trustees of the American Congregational Union, hereby certify that we have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer, N. A. Calkins, Esq., and find the same correct, agreeably to his annual statement, bearing date the 1st of May, 1860, showing a balance in the Treasury of five thousand and one dollars and thirty-six cents.

WILLIAM ALLEN, } Auditors.  
W. T. HATCH, }

NEW YORK, May 10, 1860.

The Corresponding Secretary followed with a summary of the Report of the Board of Trustees [see full report on page 6], and the report was accepted, adopted, and ordered to be published with the Treasurer's Report, under the direction of the Trustees.

On motion of Rev. I. P. Langworthy, it was unanimously

*Voted*, That the thanks of the American Congregational Union be tendered to Prof. Austin Phelps, D.D., for his able, discriminating, and deeply interesting address, and that a copy be requested for publication, under the direction of the Trustees.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was next in order. [See page 1.]

The President, Rev. Dr. Bacon, said it had occurred to him that it would be useful to hold a meeting in conjunction with the anniversary, at which ministers and others connected with the Union might discuss topics interesting to the members generally, giving statements and imparting information of what is doing in various parts of the country, in Congregational churches. It would not be like a general assembly, or a body having any jurisdiction or authority, but a voluntary association of Christian brethren,

meeting together to inquire how they might most effectually co-operate in the great cause which is so dear to them all.

The Corresponding Secretary, Rev. I. P. Langworthy, said that he had been exceedingly embarrassed in some part of his work, for the want of what he believed he would be likely to obtain from meetings of the sort described. He did not want any action that would *seem* to be ecclesiastical, or any thing like dictation ; but a free interchange of views and sentiments. He hoped that measures would be taken to invite such a meeting next year, in connection with the anniversary, and he believed great good would result from it.

Henry C. Bowen, of New York, indorsed the remarks previously made on this subject, and suggested that a committee be appointed to correspond with different sections of the country on the subject. This work of building churches, which had recently been commenced by this society, seems now to be its grand object. The more he thought of it the more convinced he was that it was a most important work, and one that ought to be sustained by annual contributions. By such a gathering as this now contemplated, churches in different parts of the country might become better acquainted with each other, and obtain a more thorough insight into the working of our organization.

Rev. Lewis Pennell, of West Stockbridge Center, Mass., said that such a meeting would be a good means of distributing some small works, which are much needed among Congregationalists. He mentioned the case of a young lady, who had made quite a stir, in a certain village, with a little book, entitled, "Thirty Reasons for being an Episcopalian." The Congregational minister had no work to meet it. Now we want some little book to be put into the hands of young members, giving reasons why they should be satisfied with Congregationalism—not to promote sectarianism, but to give a reason for the faith that is in them.

Rev. Owen Street suggested that this meeting might take on a form somewhat like a conference, and moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

*Resolved*, That the expediency of inviting a conference of Congregationalists, in connection with the next annual meeting of the Union, be referred to the Board of Trustees.

Adjourned.

N. A. CALKINS, *Recording Secretary*.

## STATEMENT.

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The Corresponding Secretary of the American Congregational Union desires, on his own responsibility, here and now, to recapitulate some of the facts touching the brief history of church erection, and to call attention to this work which the providence of God is pressing upon the consideration of those under whose eyes these pages may come. It is demonstrably true, confessed on all hands, that no investment was ever made by any body of Christians for any purpose that resulted more propitiously every way than that given by our churches in 1852, which reared some three hundred sanctuaries in three years, for three hundred of our feeble, struggling churches, doubling the influence of three hundred self-denying home missionaries, and making the churches and their ministry a power in the world as never before. This decisive step of our own churches marked an era in home evangelization. It for the time took us back to first principles, and reinitiated the first practices of the fathers, from which we departed without good reason, and greatly to our loss. It is more than right that this matter be now seriously contemplated, and that such action supervene as shall adequately meet the most just and reasonable demands upon the generosity of the giving. Is it then too much to ask that the following brief statement be carefully and prayerfully perused with reference to such a course in the future as the light thus educed will suggest?

As the result of the "Albany Convention," held in 1852, the sum of about sixty-one thousand dollars was raised for the express purpose of aiding feeble Congregational churches in erecting houses of worship. The most of this amount was invested within two years, and when two hundred and thirty houses had been completed, it was found that the average appropriation had been two hundred and thirty-three dollars to each house; and, also, it was ascertained that for every dollar thus appropriated, the recipients



had raised and invested six dollars and fifty seven cents. Stimulated by this every way successful effort, our brethren in other Christian folds took the hint, and inaugurated *SYSTEMATIC* church building; one, but little larger than our own, raising and investing from twenty to thirty thousand dollars annually, giving from one hundred to three thousand dollars to secure a sanctuary in the right place at the right time; another denomination, half as large as our own, is investing one hundred thousand dollars in loans to feeble churches, as a permanent fund to be repaid and reinvested; others are arranging, or have arranged, to occupy this most propitious field of Christian labor with a view to meet each the necessities of its own dependent churches, giving aid, of course, to no others unless they adopt the polity of their benefactor. Of this, none can complain. A good work and glorious is being accomplished by these our coadjutors in a common work for our common country and common Christianity.

When the "fifty thousand dollar fund" had been exhausted in most of the States, and more and more urgent entreaties were coming from varied and distant regions for more aid, a meeting of the officers of the American Congregational Union and of the Congregational Library Association of Boston was held in the city of New York in September, 1856, and the subject of a renewed effort to raise, by a simultaneous contribution on the following Forefathers' Day, another fund, from fifty to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, was talked of and perhaps hoped for. For reasons which need not be stated here, only some twelve thousand dollars were realized. It was then felt by many and wise men, that this mode of Christian benevolence must be conducted on *system*: that the call was likely to be a permanent call, such that spasmodic and occasional efforts could never adequately meet. Had there been a Corresponding Secretary of the American Congregational Union at the time of this meeting, on the ground and ready to go into the field, in all probability, the effort on Forefathers' Day would not have been made. In February of the following year, the present incumbent of that office assumed its responsibilities—on a furlough from his people for ten and a half months. During this time he collated and published the *Year Book* for 1857—visited and addressed the general associations of Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Connecticut, and Maine, besides many

associations and conferences of ministers and churches. He made direct appeals to a few churches where collections were taken. In the latter part of the year he again labored over "statistics" painfully deficient, brought together the materials, and published early in January the *Year Book* for 1858. Little was done in church erection except to appropriate about thirty-one hundred dollars, which had been collected previously, to aid feeble Congregational churches in Kansas and Nebraska. From January 1 to May 1, 1858, he was with his people as pastor, at the same time carrying on the little correspondence which his nominal relations to the Union involved. Nearly one hundred contributions had been pledged on receipt of the *Year Book* for distribution; scarcely one half of which have been realized. From May 1, 1858, to the present time, he has sacredly and conscientiously devoted his energies to this one great, much needed work of church erection. Open *opposition* was at the first encountered from a very few, prejudice in many more; *INDIFFERENCE!* not everywhere indeed, but, alas, in too many. The multitude of other and pressing claims, and the financial embarrassments of the last three years have been serious obstacles to our progress. Still, something has been done. Previous to May 1, 1858, we paid last bills on SEVEN houses of worship; from May 1, 1858, to May 1, 1859, on NINE, and from May 1, 1859, to May 1, 1860, on TWENTY-FOUR. Twenty-one others are under appropriations now in a process of completion, and the money, within about one thousand dollars, is in hand to pay last bills on these. Besides this, we have laid the foundations of a number of pastoral libraries, with funds given expressly for that purpose; we have furnished, through the *Year Book*, a great amount of denominational statistics, of obituaries of deceased ministers, of brief records of revivals, etc., etc. We have kept constantly open a sort of ministerial "exchange," where pastors or others, visiting New York, have had free access, where all our denominational papers, with some others, are found on file, and where Sabbath school and other religious books are kept, by our Treasurer, for sale at the lowest cash prices. Such a room or rooms, thus accessible at all times, in this great resort and thoroughfare, have been deemed very *desirable*, if not indispensable, well repaying the extra outlay for rent and care. Our receipts and disbursements will be seen by reference to the Treasurer's report on another page.

Three times as much could be used every year in aid of most pressing religious, denominational want, which can be met through no other channel—without adding one dollar to our necessary expenses.

And of the field now open before us, very much might be said. In the great West, as everywhere, the normal church polity is the Congregational. The oldest missionary in Kansas, three years ago, said, "God has opened this beautiful territory to the Congregational churches of the States. Will they enter and occupy it?" There are now *thirty-one* Congregational churches organized there, and half as many more would be immediately, were it known that aid would be furnished for building sanctuaries. Very much the same may be said of Minnesota, of California, of Oregon, indeed, of all the West. More than one hundred Congregational churches were organized in the United States and Territories from January, 1858, to January, 1859. And probably not a less number were organized during the last twelve months. And why should it not be so, only more and more so, since the sons and daughters of the Puritans are migrating so constantly, and scattering over the vast open regions lying toward the setting sun, and since glorious revivals of religion are following so frequently and closely upon their tread? Why should not churches be gathered, and churches of the Apostles and Puritans, since such is the preference of the membership? Why must they be tempted or driven to another embrace when they so much prefer that in which so many of them have been nurtured? They ask only a little, that which will make their own sacrifices available to themselves.

But suppose we leave this work to do itself, or for others to do. Many of these churches will die out. Some will go to other denominations, with which they do not and can not affiliate as with us. Some will linger along in great weakness, against fearful odds, and ultimately may secure, under pressing difficulties, what they first of all need and want, viz., sanctuaries. These churches, which are of us and with us, can never be what they would and *do* what they would in any other relation. God has made the parent the guardian of his *own child*, and pronounced him worse than an infidel if he provideth not for his own. These feeble churches are our children, and they have a just claim upon us, and they can

never be what they would dissevered from us. Failing to enter this field, we extinguish these moral lights, we destroy these fortifications for Christ and his truth, we leave open to sin and death a region which it is ours to occupy ; we greatly weaken ourselves ultimately, if not now ; we prove ourselves to be what some have deridingly called us, viz., " the Lord's silly people." It is amazingly strange we do not see that common prudence in worldly matters DEMANDS this church erection work of us. It often saves as much every year to another blessed channel of Christian munificence as we give once for all, besides putting the recipient of this charity into a condition to make its existence permanent and itself a power as never before. In one place five hundred dollars were donated from our treasury, and, as a consequence, within one year afterward, much more than that sum is annually saved to another benevolent society. Besides, a contribution of fifty-five dollars, as a first installment, has been already received from that church, and it is now full of hope in the opening future. In three adjacent places we expended, last year, seven hundred and fifty dollars, on three houses of worship. Before they had these, from seven hundred to a thousand dollars were expended annually, to sustain preaching in these three places. Now only one receives, *for this year*, one hundred dollars ; the other two are self-sustaining. Nothing is more demonstrably certain than that the simplest rules of Christian economy demand of us all that our churches need in this direction, FIRST AND FOREMOST. If they can, by any struggle, do their part toward securing suitable, though humble, places of worship at the *outset* of their career, then is THE time to put forth the helping hand. They can have no want before this, and while it presses none is *greater*. A little then will accomplish a great, and an incalculable good.

It might be shown that this mode of Christian benefaction so underlies all others, that to neglect it is to injure every good object—is to peril, indeed, those great catholic national organizations which are being shut up more and more every year to the churches with which we are connected. We can not spare the fast-filling West from the great work of illuminating and blessing the great East. It will not be long before we shall need the help which the West only can afford ; not for ourselves, it may be hoped, but for the regions lying beyond them on the one hand and beyond us on the



other. While we would not ask any one anywhere to come in with us *who is not of us*, yet it is high time we began to husband our own resources, not for our own aggrandizement, but for the spread of a pure gospel everywhere, leaving all to choose such ecclesiastical alliances as an open Bible, an unprejudiced judgment, and an enlightened conscience may dictate. And in doing this work we prejudice no other interest, we interfere with the prerogatives of no other body of Christians, we run no race for the precedence in any place; we simply take care of our own, wherever they are, helping them thus to take care of themselves.

Is it too much to expect that this object will be so far cherished by our churches that the contributions in its behalf this year will be three-fold greater than the last? Can it not have a place upon the benevolent calendar of every church? Thirty churches are now writing and urging their claims, and waiting in hope for a response that we are not in a position to give. It is more than probable that as many more, perhaps twice as many more, will be knocking at our door before our next anniversary. They know the disadvantages of being without a sanctuary. They have, many of them, seen or known of the great increase in Sabbath schools, in congregations, in churches, and hence in pecuniary resources, which have resulted to those churches we have already aided. They long for such experiences. They desire to look upon the house of the Lord in their midst. What say you who read? Shall these be aided and blessed? On an average, two hundred and fifty dollars secures the erection and paying last bills on a house of worship. A few individuals, and here and there a church, have assumed the responsibility of doing this work alone. Can any individual, can any church, make a more hopeful use of that amount of money than to secure the building and paying for a house of worship for a church of Christ? Our *mode* of doing this work, and the guards against imposition or failure, may be seen by reading "Conditions" and "Certificate and Agreement," on a preceding page. We again, and heartily and sincerely, entreat the kindly sympathy, prayers, and contributions of all our churches.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

BY THE PAYMENT OF TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS OR UPWARD.

It is possible that the following list of Life Members does not embrace all who have a just claim to a place in it. The names of some of the earliest members were not recorded until recently, and it is feared that, from the various channels through which many have been welcomed of late, and the neglect to forward the amount of money and the *name* at the same time, some have escaped our notice; besides, some whose names do or should appear in this list may not have received their "Certificate of Life Membership." We shall esteem it a favor to be speedily informed of any such omission, as none is intended, and the necessary correction will be promptly made.

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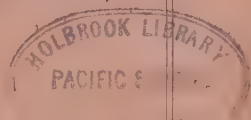
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# AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

## EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY.

THE Eighth Anniversary Exercises of the American Congregational Union were held in the Church of the Pilgrims, Brooklyn, May 7, 1861, the President, Rev. Leonard Bacon, D.D. in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. R. S. Storrs, Jr., D.D., and Rev. Dr. Hamlin. The Report of the Board of Trustees was read by the Corresponding Secretary. (See next page.)

The Annual Address was delivered by Rev. J. P. Thompson, D.D., of New York, on "The Primitive Ecclesia." (See page 4.)

The Eighth Annual Meeting of the American Congregational Union, for business, was held in the Apollo Rooms, 410 Broadway, at half past 3 o'clock, P. M., on Thursday, May 9th. The President being absent, Chauncey W. Moore, Esq., was called to the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. J. P. Thompson, D.D. The Treasurer's Report was read, and approved. The following Officers for the ensuing year were unanimously chosen:

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*Voted*, That the thanks of the American Congregational Union be presented to the Rev. J. P. Thompson, D.D., for his learned and interesting Address, and that a copy be requested for publication, under direction of the Trustees.

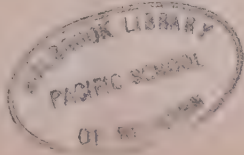
*Voted*, That the resolution passed at the last annual meeting of the Union, referring to the Board of Trustees "the expediency of inviting a conference of Congregationalists, in connection with the next annual meeting of the Union," lie over for future consideration.

Adjourned.

N. A. CALKINS, *Recording Secretary*.

The Congregational Re-union, hitherto Collation, was held at the Apollo Rooms, 410 Broadway, Thursday, May 9th, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. R. S. Storrs, Jr., D.D., presided, and made the opening address. Rev. W. I. Budington, D.D., offered prayer. Short and patriotic addresses were made by Revs. A. L. Stone of Boston, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thrall, Mr. Willetts, H. W. Beecher, R. M. Hatfield, of Brooklyn, and Hon. H. J. Raymond, of New York. These were interspersed with singing, and music by the band. The interest and enthusiasm of the packed audience, from the beginning to the end, were kept to the highest pitch. The three hours' continuance was no burden. No "collation" was needed to make this meeting a complete success.

The first public meeting in behalf of the American Congregational Union in Boston, was held in Mount Vernon Church, Wednesday, May 23d, at 3 o'clock, P. M. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. E. N. Kirk, D.D. Rev. L. Bacon, D.D., of New Haven, Ct., President, was in the chair, and made the opening address. The Corresponding Secretary made a brief statement. A cordial address of welcome was made by Rev. A. L. Stone, of Boston, to which a felicitous response was offered, on behalf of the Trustees, by the Rev. J. P. Thompson, D.D., of New York. The Rev. Drs. Ray Palmer, of Albany, H. D. KitcheL, of Detroit, E. N. Kirk, of Boston, and W. I. Budington, of Brooklyn, followed with short, pertinent, patriotic and religious addresses. Notwithstanding the hard rain, the house was crowded. The meeting was one of deep and thrilling interest from the commencement throughout. The good people of Boston will welcome such a meeting every year.



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

THE Trustees of the American Congregational Union, in presenting their Eighth Annual Report, meet their friends and patrons in very peculiar circumstances. A deadly blow has been aimed at the life of our nationality. The public safety is imperiled and the public mind is intensely excited. But, as eighty-six years ago the heart of the sons and daughters of the Puritans was loyal to Christ and to the behests of Christian and civil liberty, so now the same feelings and purposes fill and thrill the bosom of every one of their descendants within the constituency of the American Congregational Union. There is no uncertain sound echoing from a single Congregational pulpit, and no hesitating or doubtful response from a single pew. The cry, with one voice, from hill top to valley, is, "*God and our Country.*" And the busy needle of mother, wife and sister, and the speedy rallying of troops in every loyal State, and the free offerings of millions of capital, and the constant sound of martial music, and the universal sight of the overhanging "stars and stripes," prove that this generous outburst of national enthusiasm is no sudden, evanescent and unmeaning passion, but the waking up to intense, self-sacrificing and persevering *action*—ACTION to the last, the unchanging principles of our holy religion. Men are everywhere terribly in earnest, because a vital matter is at stake. And while we record the exceedingly pleasing and encouraging fact that all sects and parties are a unit in sustaining our Government and in defence of the right, yet we should not disguise nor fail here to note the fact that both the principles and polity of our churches, and the peculiar work of this organization, are involved in this conflict. When a question of government, or of anarchy, a question of National freedom or of National slavery, is propounded, but one answer is possible to every Congregationalist, or to every true patriot. Such will stand or fall in the deadly breach and ask no quarter. Every shot at Fort Sumter, was a shot at every Congregational church in our land. All our membership are mourners to-day, over the noble dead of Massachusetts, who fell in Baltimore, April 19, 1861, as their ancestry were over the noble dead who fell at Lexington and Concord, April 19, 1775.

And our work is no less patriotic than our polity and principles. Every house of worship we build for a Congregational church, is a center of Christian and civil liberty; is a fortress for Christ, against oppression and anarchy of every form. There are some four hundred little organized companies of loyal men and women, each gathered at an important strategic point, surrounded by every danger, and their very existence in jeopardy, because they have no battlements, no suitable defences, no safe rallying points. They ask a little aid of our treasury to make their own sacrifices available in securing these religious structures over their defenceless heads. It is but little they want; that *little* is indispensable. The gallant Anderson and his heroic men no more needed the strong walls of Fort Sumter for their safety and success, than these feeble churches need their sanctuaries for their safety and success, as churches of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

With the opening of this year, we had every prospect of a much larger income than in any previous year. Many more churches are open to the appeals of our corresponding secretary, and more voluntary contributions were tendered than ever before. Our completed work of the previous year, and the work, yet undone, but seen to be so pressing and important, were pleading our cause with pleasing success. But the panic of Nov. 6th deeply affected our Treasury, and the blow of April 15, was still more paralyzing. We however are able, through the Divine aid, to show that our labor has not been without good results, and we close this year in gratitude and hope.

Last year, which was our second of really-begun church-building work, twenty-four houses of worship were completed, at an average cost to our Treasury of two hundred sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents. This closing year we have paid last bills on *thirty-nine* houses of worship, at an average cost of two hundred thirty-two dollars and forty-nine cents. These are located in States as follows, viz.—One in Vermont, one in Connecticut, three in Massachusetts, one in Ohio, two in New York, one in Minnesota, two in Michigan, four in Wisconsin, seven in Iowa, two in California, five in Kansas, and ten in Illinois—thirty-nine in all.

At the beginning of this year now past, there was an appropriated balance in our Treasury of five thousand one dollars and thirty-six cents. There have been paid from all sources, from

May 1st, 1860, to May 1st, 1861, nine thousand forty-seven dollars, and forty-four cents, being, notwithstanding the great drawbacks of the last five months, one hundred seventy-five dollars and thirty-one cents more than was received last year from contributions. Last year, in April, a legacy was sent us of one thousand dollars from the estate of Dea. Ezra W. Fletcher, of Whittinsville, Ms., who though now dead, is preaching the gospel in at least four churches, which owe their present prosperous condition to the aid his means furnished. Thus the gross amount of the receipts of last year exceed those of this year, in the sum of eight hundred twenty-four dollars and sixty-nine cents.

We now stand pledged to sixteen churches to the amount of three thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars, to aid them in completing their houses of worship which are in a process of erection. To meet this liability, our Treasurer has in hand only one thousand forty-four dollars and fifty-four cents. But there are twenty-six churches now urgently pressing their claims for small appropriations, with many of whom the question is, to build or disband. It is a question of church life or of church death, of triumphant success or of ignominious surrender. Besides these, there is an equal number with whom we are in correspondence, that are impatiently waiting for assurances that they will receive aid, if they can, by their utmost exertions, come up to our conditions. And still back of these are scores of others, whose only hope of ultimate success is to be found in our Treasury. These all long to see Zion's towers rising up in their midst, but dare not attempt their erection, until there is a sure prospect of aid.

The Trustees enter upon this new year under these general financial embarrassments with the loud call of our bleeding country, not without some solicitude with reference to the future. They feel the importance of peculiar carefulness. They can go no farther, no faster in this inviting direction, than the means our churches place at their disposal will justify. But the question must be met, shall these sixteen churches now building on the strength of our pledge, in bad faith be abandoned? Shall the fifty-two waiting for a pledge of a little aid, be compelled to disband, and thus the last ray of moral light, in the communities where they are located, be extinguished? Considerations of patriotism and Christianity urge us at any and all hazards quickly to possess and fortify these centers of Christian and civil liberty. The pious Jews regarded the erection of their synagogues as a matter of national interest. They commend the Roman officer to Christ for an especial blessing, because, they say, "he loveth our nation, and hath built us a synagogue." Christ seems to endorse their commendation, as He freely gave the blessing sought.

And it is worthy of especial mention in this connection, that our armies have no battles to fight for religious freedom in any State where Congregational churches hold a prominent place. Nor will they ever have. And had the principles and church polity of the Apostles and Puritans been carried into and established in all those places whither their descendants have gone, it may be well doubted whether the scenes of this hour would have been ever witnessed in our land. Shall we then, in this time of our country's deepest need, neglect or feebly prosecute this church-building work, so fundamental to our country's highest good? a work promising so much for so small an outlay? a work, without which so much will be so quickly and so surely lost? a work with which a good so great, and wide, and permanent for our Nation and for Christ will be so quickly done? It will cost dear to carry forward this work now, as God would have us do it. The necessary gifts will involve self-denial, and may draw blood. Let them, why not? Many of our fellow countrymen must bleed in another way! Shall we, the more favored, shirk the co-operative work so essential to our complete national and religious triumph, because great sacrifices are involved? God forbid! The Master bids us onward. The growth, influence and hope of the churches already aided, and the revivals of religion which have so generally supervened upon the completion of their sanctuaries, abundantly assure us of the Divine approval. The question of going forward, is a question of self-preservation. The past, in our history as a denomination, may suffice for a wide prodigality of means and members. It is now quite time that we so far husband our own resources as to take care of our own, that there may be preserved in the earth one body at least which saves its "own life by losing it." This is neither selfish nor sectarian. It is simply providing for one's own, and withal is laying broader, a catholic foundation for still greater good to all the needy everywhere. The Trustees of the American Congregational Union do therefore, here and now, with hope, make their appeal to the giving, for larger gifts, that they may prosecute with more energy, the work they have in hand, during the year now opening before them. To the loyal to Christ, to the lovers of our common country, to the friends of Christian and civil liberty, they make their appeal. They wait only for a response.

In behalf of the Trustees,

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THE PRIMITIVE *ECCLESIA*.<sup>1</sup>

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WHEN our Lord used the term CHURCH—as he did upon only two occasions—he characterized the thing, without defining the word. As he gave his disciples a new formula of Baptism, without explaining the rite, so he spake of his Church, without explaining its nature and constitution. He declared its basis and its perpetuity when he said, “Upon this rock [the confession of himself,] I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”<sup>2</sup> He made it an arbiter between disagreeing brethren, and gave it disciplinary jurisdiction over offenses, when he said, If a trespassing brother will not hear the remonstrance of him whom he has offended, nor of one or two fraternal witnesses, “tell it unto the Church; but if he neglect to hear the Church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.”<sup>3</sup> “*My Church*,” he says, designating that congregation of believing souls established upon the rock of faith, that shall outlast all the changes of time and the animosities of hell; “*the Church*,” he says, thus designating any *ecclesia* of his disciples, as having power, in his name, to take cognizance of the trespasses of its members. These two ideas—the Church for confession and perpetuity, the Church for fraternal supervision and discipline,—unattended with any formal organization; with any code of polity and administration; with any details of officers and rules; unaccompanied even with any definition of the term—these two ideas embody all that Christ uttered touching his Church.

In the writings of the apostles we find

<sup>1</sup> A Discourse, delivered before the American Congregational Union, at its anniversary in Brooklyn, May 7, 1861.

<sup>2</sup> Matt xvi. : 18.

<sup>3</sup> Matt. xviii. : 17.

these two ideas—the Church as the aggregate of true believers, the Church as an association of professed disciples—continually recurring in connection with the word *ecclesia*; and they use that word in no other sense. The epistles to the Ephesians and the Colossians, make chief mention of that one, grand, spiritual *ecclesia*, which is the body of Christ; the aggregation of true believers, which, though existing under no one visible organization, has one organic life in Christ, and an organic power of construction and manifestation. Beside this spiritual body, there is the formal *ecclesia*—organized, localized, officered—“the Church of God, which is at Corinth,” “the Church of Laodicea,” “the seven churches in Asia.” Thus we find, that without definition or detailed instructions from Christ, there grew up in the minds of the apostles a definite conception of his Church as a whole, and there was developed an organization of particular churches, wherever the Gospel was preached. These two facts—that Christ said so little touching his Church, and yet that the theory and the polity of the Church were so readily wrought out by the disciples, admit of but one solution, viz: that the ground-idea of the *ecclesia* and its administration already existed in the minds of the disciples, as Jews, and needed only, like the rite of baptism, to be adapted to a Christian use and significance. The fact that our Lord used the possessive pronoun and the definite article in the two instances in which he spake of the Church, fixes this solution. Had he said, ‘I will found a *Church*, an *ecclesia*,’ we should naturally have looked for an explanation of this new term. But when he says “*my Church*,” we understand him



to speak of *his ecclesia*, in distinction from some other *ecclesia* with which his hearers were familiar. And when, again, he says, "tell it to *the Church*," we find no inquiry on the part of the disciples, as to the meaning of a word with which, obviously, they were acquainted. If, then, we can get at the conception of the *ecclesia* which the disciples would naturally have, as Jews, we shall have the ground-idea of the Christian Church; and this, in connection with the hints and illustrations of its development in practice by the apostles, will give us the Church-polity of the New Testament. I propose, therefore, to consider THE PRIMITIVE ECCLESIA, in its principles and forms, with a view to ascertain what was designed to be *permanent*, and what *transient*, in the Christian polity.

The term *ecclesia* was familiar to the apostles through the Septuagint version of the Old Testament, which, it is evident, they had in common use. The disputed question whether Matthew's gospel, which alone records Christ's reference to his Church, was written in Greek or in the Aramaic vernacular,<sup>1</sup> does not concern us here; since, if that gospel had a Hebrew original, *ecclesia* is the word chosen by its first translator to express the Aramaic term; and *ecclesia* is, throughout, the New Testament term for the Christian community, organized or unorganized. But *ecclesia* had already acquired a certain Biblical usage through the version of the Seventy, from which our Lord and his disciples were accustomed to quote. The meaning of this term in the Septuagint, therefore, will give us the ground-idea of the New Testament *ecclesia*. To ascertain this, we must determine the meaning of the word in classic usage when the Septuagint version was made, and the meaning of the Hebrew words for which the Seventy used *ecclesia* as an equivalent. If this dig-

ging about old roots shall at first seem dry, I trust our patience and labor will be rewarded by finding the springs of thought, whence these lingual roots derive the sap of that one true and living *ecclesia* whose rings count by centuries, whose growth shall fill the earth.

For the classic usage of this word, we may cite, as of highest authority, the historian of the Peloponnesian war, whose accurate use of language is the model of the historic style; and the rival of Demosthenes, who uttered in the critical ear of Athens his great impeachment of the popular favorite. I take these two as specimens of the current Greek usage.

When, on the first invasion of Athenian territory, the people were excited against Pericles for holding himself on the defensive, Thucydides informs us that Pericles did not convene an *ecclesia* of them, [the citizens,] nor any other meeting, [*sullogon*,]<sup>2</sup> lest in their anger they might commit themselves to bad measures. But when the second invasion of their territory once more roused the people against him, Pericles convened an *ecclesia*, and defended his policy in a speech before it. This *ecclesia* imposed a fine upon Pericles, but afterwards re-elected him general, and committed to him the management of affairs.<sup>3</sup> The *ecclesia* was evidently a town-meeting of the citizens of Athens, which had power to elect a president or general; to review his policy; to censure, fine, depose, restore. It was the embodied community—the collective assembly of those who had

<sup>2</sup> *De Bello Pelop.* ii., 22. Dr. Arnold's note here is, "*ecclesia* designates the regular assembly of the people, *comitia*; *sullogon* any sort of meeting which might have been summoned under these extraordinary circumstances;"—such as the mass demonstration for the Union and the war, in the city of New York, April 20th, 1861. An Athenian *ecclesia* more nearly resembled the town-meeting of New England—a duly convened assembly of all registered citizens. The distinction of Thucydides between *ecclesia* and *sullogon*, is important. Sometimes *sullogon*, as the more comprehensive term, includes *ecclesia*.

<sup>3</sup> *Ib.* ii., 59, 60.

<sup>1</sup> A corrupt Hebrew, the Syro-Chaldaic, was probably the vernacular tongue of the Hebrew Christians in Palestine.

the rights of citizenship. In the time of Alcibiades, we find the citizens at large convening in an *ecclesia*, to resist the usurpations of the oligarchy, and to secure for themselves a larger representation in public affairs.

Thucydides describes with spirited details, an *ecclesia* of the Athenians, convened to reconsider the question whether the city of Mytilene should be destroyed.<sup>1</sup> One speaker taunted the *democracy* with fickleness—thus identifying the *ecclesia* with the people in their assembled sovereignty. The question was decided by a vote reversing the decision of a previous day. On the occasion of ratifying a truce with the Lacedemonians, Thucydides tells us that the *people* of Athens acted in an *ecclesia*, convened by the generals and heads of tribes. He gives the names of the President and Secretary of this *ecclesia*, and the mover of the resolution. The Lacedemonian envoys bound themselves to the truce, “in presence of the people.” The *ecclesia*, then, was the body of citizens duly convened in their political capacity. It is expressly described as an assembly of the people, summoned in due form by the constituted authorities.<sup>2</sup>

Eschines, in his oration against Ctesiphon, frequently alludes to the *ecclesia* as the assembly of the Athenian people for civic purposes—not a mere mass meeting of the citizens, but a meeting convened in an orderly way, and acting in its corporate capacity as the body politic. This comes out clearly where he accuses Demosthenes of smuggling through a bill just as the *ecclesia* had adjourned. He charges him with going into the council chamber, or senate, excluding thence all private citizens, manœuvring through the senate the project of a law for the *ecclesia*, then going into the *ecclesia* and procuring its adoption as a decree of the *people*,—the *ecclesia* having already risen, and the most part having gone

away.<sup>3</sup> Eschines disputes the vote, because the meeting had adjourned. Again, he makes the *ecclesia* an assembly of the *whole* people, in distinction from the meetings of tribes.<sup>4</sup> He objects to Ctesiphon's proposal to proclaim the crown in the theater, because the law provides that “if the council should crown any one, it must be proclaimed in the council chamber—but if the *people*, in the *ecclesia*”—though it was contended that the proclamation could be made in the theater, if the *people* should so vote.<sup>5</sup> Clearly, then, the *ecclesia* was the whole body of citizens assembled in their corporate capacity to act upon affairs of state.<sup>6</sup>

The number in attendance at the Athenian *ecclesia* was usually eight or ten thousand; on extraordinary occasions, even a greater number. A small fee was allowed to each citizen who attended to public affairs; and such citizens were called *ecclesiastæ*. Only citizens, however, duly enrolled in some one of the tribes, had the right of voting; and no decree touching individual privileges, such as conferring or taking away the right of citizenship, could be passed unless there were 6,000 voters present in the *ecclesia*. The rights of the individual were even more sacredly guarded than in some Congregational churches; where a packed majority, acting without notice, law, or precedent, have summarily voted away the rights and privileges of their brethren.

The *ecclesia* was ordinarily held at the Pnyx,—a raised amphitheater, with an area of 12,000 square yards, and the place

<sup>3</sup> Eschines against Ctesiphon, § 125–126.

<sup>4</sup> *Ib.*, § 27.

<sup>5</sup> *Ib.*, § 32.

<sup>6</sup> In the term *ecclesia*, viewed etymologically and historically, we have first, the *act of calling forth or summoning*, as when the citizens were called (*ek*) out of their houses to a public meeting at the Pnyx; then, the *body summoned*; then, *specially*, a *regular assembly of citizens for political purposes*. Sometimes the term is used with less precision, to denote an *assembly in general*, or a *gathering of citizens*.

Trench, in his *Synonymes of the New Testament*, remarks that “*Ecclesia* was the lawful assembly, in a free Greek city, of all those possessed of the right of citizenship, for the transaction of public affairs.”

<sup>1</sup> *De Bello Pelop.* iii., 36.

<sup>2</sup> *De Bello Pelop.* iv., 118.

of assembly was enclosed with a railing, to keep out persons who had no vote; sometimes it was surrounded by a rope, colored red, so as to leave a mark on any one who attempted to get over it.<sup>1</sup>

Such was the Athenian *ecclesia*; the formal assembly of the body of citizens for the orderly transaction of public affairs. Mr. Grote thus expatiates upon the invigoration of this body after a period of neglect. "To render the *ecclesia* efficient, it was indispensable that its meetings should be both frequent and free. Men thus became trained to the duty both of speakers and hearers, and each man, while he felt that he exercised his share of influence on the decision, identified his own safety and happiness with the vote of the majority, and became familiarized with the notion of a sovereign authority which he neither could nor ought to resist. This was an idea new to the Athenian bosom; and with it came the feelings sanctifying free speech and equal law—together with that sentiment of the entire commonwealth as one and indivisible, which always overruled, though it did not supplant, the local and cantonal specialities."<sup>2</sup>

How finely, how grandly was this word *ecclesia* adapted to represent the commonwealth of believers. Synagogue was too narrow, too local, too Jewish; but *ecclesia*, the gathering of all true citizens under a polity, could worthily denote the assemblage of believers under God's polity. "Upon this rock will I found my *ecclesia*"—the one, spiritual, permanent, all-embracing commonwealth of my disciples.

Already had this word, so clearly defined in its classic usage, been adopted by the Seventy as the equivalent of the *kah-hahl* of the Hebrew Scriptures. The *kah-hahl* of the Hebrew, the "congregation" of the English version, as defined by Vitringa and others, denoted the whole body of the people united by civil or sacred ties. The *yed-dah* of the Hebrew Scriptures, "assembly" in our version, denotes any meeting or congregation, whether larger or smaller. The Seventy render this last term by *sunagoge* (synagogue), never by *ecclesia*; the former for the most part by *ecclesia*, as its proper equivalent.<sup>3</sup> Thus this term of Greek civil polity was appropriated to a sacred use, describing, under the figure of a commonwealth of citizens united in a polity, the commonwealth of Jehovah, separated by the calling of Abraham from the rest of mankind, and organized under the theocratic code.

Vitringa quotes, as apposite to the distinction between *yed-dah* and *kah-hahl*, the fine discrimination of Cicero between the populace inorganized and the people in their totality organized in one body politic under law, or by community of interest: "Populus est non omnis cœtus multitudinis, sed cœtus juris consensu et utilitatis communione sociatus;" and so *kah-hahl* "denotes in the strictest sense, not only the entire body-politic, but especially the whole body of the people when convened as one to deliberate upon the public welfare." Vitringa maintains that "the word *yed-dah* in itself considered, apart from any circumstances of the text,

<sup>1</sup> Boeckh's Public Economy of the Athenians, Lamb's edition, p. 320; also Dr. Arnold's Notes on Thucydides.

<sup>2</sup> Suidas gives the following example from Aristophanes. "*Ecclesia*: an assembly of the people. Aristophanes in Pluto—'Shall an assembly of the people (*ecclesia*) be held on account of this.' For we are accustomed to meet in assembly (*ecclesian*) either to preserve our own interests or to defeat foreign interests."—[See Suidas, as revised by Kuster and Gaisford.]

<sup>3</sup> History of Greece, iv. 139, Harper's edition.

<sup>3</sup> Dean Trench is of opinion that the Alexandrine translators intended to preserve a distinction between *sunagoge* and *ecclesia*, corresponding to that "which undoubtedly exists between the words *yed-dah* and *kah-hahl*." But through some inadvertence they have failed to carry out "the rule which they seem to have prescribed to themselves." While, on the one hand, they almost invariably render *yed-dah* by *sunagoge* and in no single instance by *ecclesia*, on the other, though *ecclesia* is their standing word for *kah-hahl*, they sometimes render this by *sunagoge*, as the more generic term. (Vide Synonyms of N. T.)

never means the whole body of any people;" but the Seventy translate *yed-dah* by *sunagoe*, and never by *ecclesia*; hence "Christ and the apostles chose the term *ecclesia* rather than *sunagoe* [*church*, rather than *synagogue*] to designate the whole body of Christians, because that term was better fitted to express the thing that was in their minds,"<sup>1</sup> the totality of believers held together by community of faith and consecration under Christ their head. Under the Gospel the formal theocracy was to pass away, while from the shell of the Jewish commonwealth would emerge a spiritual and non-national or universal community subject to the law of Christ. The term to denote this community was not the distinctive and restricted Jewish *synagogue*, but the comprehensive *ecclesia*.<sup>2</sup> The disciples were familiar with the conception of a commonwealth or polity of Jehovah. The Septuagint had taught them to call this *ecclesia*. When, therefore, Christ said, "Upon this rock will I found my *ecclesia*," they understood him to mean that the true divine polity or commonwealth upon earth would thenceforth be the community of spiritual believers resting upon and united in the declaration of faith in the Christ, the Son of the living God. When, again, he gave them a rule of discipline for the *ecclesia*, they under-

stood that the Christian disciples or believers who in their totality would constitute the one enduring *ecclesia*, would also enter into forms of association, under mutual obligations and responsibilities.

The term *ecclesia* given thus unexplained by our Lord to his apostles, occurs frequently in their writings, with such characteristics and incidents as serve to fix its practical meaning in the Apostolic age. True, we nowhere find in those writings a definition of this word, or a formal system of church polity. Neither the acts nor the letters of the apostles furnish us with an ecclesiastical constitution or a book of church discipline. Yet there were early Christian communities, called *churches*, not brought together at random, nor existing in irresponsible anarchy; but constituted and regulated according to principles and usages clearly defined. "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all *churches* of the saints."<sup>3</sup> The study of these principles and usages, with a view to what was permanent and what transient in their application, will give us the church polity of the New Testament, and the *elements* of church polity for after times.

• I. It is a principle of the New Testament that CHRISTIANS MAKE CHURCHES, NOT THAT CHURCHES MAKE CHRISTIANS. There is a theory of church polity which makes "the Church," in the sense of one ecclesiastical organization, the channel of grace and salvation; make baptism, whether in infancy, or later life, initiation into the Christian state; regards the Church as embracing territorially whatever district, state or country, is occupied in any way by its officers or representatives; in short, which recognizes but *one* church organization for all mankind—the visible determinative body of Christ. By this theory, whoever is out of the pale of this organization, is in a state of schism or of heathenism, as the case may be, from which he can be recovered only by submitting to the authority and ordinances of this visible communion.

<sup>1</sup> Vit. de Synag., pp. 77-89.

<sup>2</sup> Professor E. Harold Browne, of Cambridge University, says: "The word *ecclesia*, rendered *church*, should, according to its derivation, signify persons called from among others for some purpose. At Athens, the *ecclesia* was the general assembly of the people, convened by the crier for legislation. In the Old Testament the word is often used by the LXX to translate the Hebrew *kah-hahl*, which commonly expresses the assembly or congregation of the people of Israel. Accordingly, when adopted in the New Testament, it is used to signify the whole assembly or congregation of the people of God under the Gospel, as it had been before to signify the congregation of the people of God under the Law. And as *sunagoe* (*synagogue*) was the more frequent word for the congregation of the Jews; so perhaps our Lord and his apostles adopted, by preference and for distinction's sake, the word *ecclesia* (*church*) for the congregation of Christians."—*Browne on the XXXIX Articles*, p. 458.

<sup>3</sup> 1 Cor. xiv : 33.



Moehler, the ablest expositor of the Roman Catholic doctrine, thus defines the Church: "By the Church on earth, Catholics understand *the visible community of believers*, founded by Christ, in which, *by means of an enduring apostleship*, established by him, and appointed to conduct all nations, in the course of ages, back to God, *the works wrought by him through his earthly life for the redemption and sanctification of mankind*, are, under the guidance of his Spirit, continued to the end of the world."<sup>1</sup> The essence of this conception of the Church is *a visible society*, perpetuated through hereditary officers, "the permanent incarnation of Christ," the only channel of divine truth and grace to the world. The infallibility and exclusiveness of this visible association in matters of faith and salvation are a necessary sequence of this radical idea.

Other theories, while they do not set up this exclusive claim for any one ecclesiastical organization, regard the Church as a certain organized body, capable of territorial extension; as a corporation, to be contemplated in relation to territory; or as an incorporation of several communities of Christians under one federal head, which has jurisdiction over a certain geographical area. Church extension is either the extension of this geographical area, so as to embrace new territory, or it is the visible occupation of this area to a greater extent by the ecclesiastical agencies of the central body, or by congregations in affiliation with that. As examples of this idea, we have such phrases as *the Church of England*, *the Church in the United States*, &c.

Dr. Schaff, while rejecting the "carnal and contracted sense" in which the Roman communion claims to be the Church, loses himself in a mystic conception of the Church, which has no corresponding reality. He describes it as "an objective, *organized, visible society*," which, "as a *visible organization*, embraces all who are baptized, whether in the Greek or Roman

or Protestant communion." He holds that "there are no real Christians anywhere, who are not, at the same time, members of Christ's mystical body, and as such, *connected with some branch of his visible kingdom on earth*"; e. g., Greek, Roman, or Protestant;—"that church-membership is not the *principle* of salvation—which is Christ alone—but the *necessary condition* of it; because it is the divinely appointed means of bringing the man into contact with Christ and all his benefits."<sup>2</sup> If we understand this language, it makes church-membership by baptism prerequisite to a salvable Christian state.

Now is either of these theories warranted by any precedent of church organization in the New Testament? Christ did not command the apostles to extend his *ecclesia*—to set up, in his name, branches of a visible church. He commanded them to preach the gospel, and make disciples unto Him; to bring men to receive the truths of Christianity, and to confess Christ as their Lord, and so to bring them into his kingdom. While the first disciples tarried at Jerusalem, they met together habitually in one place for prayer and praise, and to remember Christ in the supper. This was the first Christian *ecclesia*. When the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples on the day of Pentecost, they preached the simple duty of repentance and faith, and all who cordially received the gospel—became believers—were added to the *ecclesia*; joined to the fellowship of the disciples. When this company was scattered by persecution, they went everywhere "preaching the word"; not as a delegation from the Church at Jerusalem, to organize branches of that *ecclesia*; not as a committee of church-extension, to take possession of new territory in the name of an ecclesiastical organization;—but they went preaching Christ; and all who believed were baptized in the name of Christ, and were recognized at once as

<sup>1</sup> Symbolism, cap. v., sec. xxxvi.

<sup>2</sup> Hist. of the Apos. Chh., pp. 7-9.

brethren in the Lord. These converts in each place, drawn together by spiritual affinities to worship and honor Christ, had no need to wait for a charter from Jerusalem, or a special act of the apostles, to introduce them into the church, but being in the *ecclesia* by virtue of their faith, they at once constituted a church of the disciples in that place. It was so at Samaria; it was so at Antioch, it was so wherever the gospel was carried. Churches arose wherever there were Christians; but no church organization was planted in any place as a corporate body for dispensing salvation. Churches originated from Christians—they did not originate Christians. True, a church, when organized, has a moral influence over those who grow up in the midst of its life and ordinances, and so every church becomes in a sense a training school for the Christian life. But the Christian life is not to be attained, in the first instance, by joining a church organization; nor is Christianity to be propagated by extending the visible area of an ecclesiastical corporation; but Christianity is to be propagated by proclaiming the Gospel, and men become Christians by personally accepting Christ. Then these Christians, properly associated, constitute churches. The churches are bodies of saints, regenerated persons, and should rightfully consist of these only. One does not enter into church fellowship that he may become a Christian; but when he has become a Christian, and gives evidence of that fact, he is qualified to enter into fellowship with a Christian *ecclesia*. Are we not sure that this is the teaching of the New Testament?

Both senses of the term *ecclesia*, as used by our Lord, are here apparent. The Church of Christ is the totality of true believers, and every believer is *ipso facto* a member of that Church. But this body of believers, in respect to its totality, is *inorganized*, as to outward form. It is visible, however, whenever and wherever a true Christian faith and life are made

manifest. The Madiari, when excommunicated from the Church of Rome, and as yet connected with no formal body of believers, were nevertheless visible Christians, and members of Christ's true Church. This Church has one organic life in Christ, the head of all true saints. Moreover, this Church, by virtue of its spiritual life, and of Christ's original constitution, has an organic power, and, therefore, Christ's disciples, being already members of his one *ecclesia*, do organize themselves into churches—not the Church—for Christian fellowship. Into these formal associations, hypocrites may enter—who are not, and never can be, in the Church.

II. A second principle of the New Testament, upon this subject, is, that NO INDIVIDUAL CHRISTIAN IS DEPRIVED OF ANY RIGHTS WHICH BELONG TO HIM AS A CHRISTIAN, BY ENTERING INTO A CHURCH ORGANIZATION. As the Gospel comes at the first to every one as a *person*, and not as a member of a corporation, as it comes directly to each individual, and not to men in any collective capacity; so it addresses its exhortations, its commands and its promises, to believers as individuals, severally and equally interested in all the truths and duties of religion. There are, indeed, relative duties enjoined upon Christians, as Church-members; there are obligations and responsibilities, as there are also privileges, growing out of their association in a body. They are to love one another; to bear one another's burdens; to watch over one another; to pray for one another; and, if need be, they are to administer Christ's law of discipline, as an *ecclesia*. But while they owe certain duties in Church-fellowship, and gain certain privileges by this association, they lose no rights as *Christians*—members of Christ's own commonwealth, by entering into a formal Church relation with one another. Each Christian has the right to labor where and as he can, in the cause of Christ; the right to speak, the right to pray, the right to act for the interests or

religion, in any way that does not interfere with the equal rights of others, and the obvious proprieties of time and place. This universal charter of Christian privilege is stated in Peter's argument with respect to Cornelius: "Forasmuch as God gave them the *like gift*, as he did to us who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, what was I, that I could withstand God?"<sup>1</sup> The spiritual gift, attesting God's work in the heart, is the seal of the divine prerogatives of faith. Each believer has pledged to him all the blessings of redemption. All that Christ has purchased for any, he has purchased for *him*.

He is made a brother of Christ: "Whoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother." He is a child of God: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." He is an heir of heaven: "if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ." He derives these privileges not from the Church of Christ, but from Christ himself; and no Church can deprive him of them, or anywise curtail them. Christ, who has loved him, and washed him from sin in his own blood, has "made him a king and a priest unto God and the Father." Is there any prerogative above the king—any sanctity above the priest? No mere majority in a Church has the right, by force of numbers, to trample upon the essential Christian rights of its individual members. The principles of voluntary association, and of autonomy in the local Church, cannot go to the extent of absolving that Church from the law of Christ, or of empowering it to abridge or deny the essential rights of Christians, as defined in the New Testament, by any rules or resolutions of its own.

III. Another principle of the New Testament is, that CHRISTIANS ARE ASSOCIATED IN CHURCH FELLOWSHIP ON THE BASIS OF FRATERNAL EQUALITY. A Church of Christ is not constituted like a Masonic lodge, with gradations of mem-

bership. It does not admit candidates as catechumens, on probation, subject to future promotion; it has no school forms or class-rooms, marking successive stages of privilege and honor; it does not condescend, as a superior party, to confer favors upon an inferior; but it receives into fellowship, upon reasonable evidence, every disciple of Christ, upon equal terms, as a brother in the Lord. "One is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren." Christ thus declares all his disciples to be upon an equality as toward one another, and subject only to himself as an authority. Paul addressed the Church at Colosse, as "saints and faithful brethren in Christ." In writing to the Church of the Thessalonians, he addresses them throughout as "brethren beloved." And so, in all his letters, he recognizes all believers as his brethren, and exhorts them to maintain brotherly love among themselves.

There is something peculiar in this designation of *brethren*. Christians are not only *like* brothers, who have common interests, sympathies and rights, in their father's house; but they come into this relationship by moral affinities, which are higher and stronger than those of blood. They are one with each other, by virtue of being one in and with Christ:—"We, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another."<sup>2</sup> Hence their dealings with one another in the Church, should ever be marked by the dignity, the order, the propriety, the courtesy, the mutual forbearance and good will, of an equal brotherhood.

IV. In the New Testament polity, EACH LOCAL SOCIETY OF BELIEVERS, OR *Ecclesia*, IS COMPLETE IN ITSELF, AND INDEPENDENT OF ALL AUTHORITY, SAVE THAT OF CHRIST ALONE, AS DECLARED IN HIS WORD. According to the New Testament, every such local *ecclesia* has the power of choosing its own officers. The principle of popular election obtained from the first. The plain construction of Acts i. : 15, seq., is

<sup>1</sup> Acts ii. : 17.

<sup>2</sup> Rom. xii. : 5.

that the whole company of disciples then present, to the number of one hundred and twenty, participated in the choice of Joseph and Matthias as candidates for the vacancy in the college of apostles.<sup>1</sup> When the charities of the growing Christian community at Jerusalem demanded a more systematic administration, the apostles did not designate persons to that service, as a matter of official prerogative, but called upon the whole brotherhood to choose deacons from among themselves.<sup>2</sup> The Christian community, in full assembly, made the selection, and the apostles confirmed their appointees with prayer and the laying on of hands. All this was before the distinct organization of Christians into a local *ecclesia*, with permanent officers; the first shaping of the new community was in the direction of a popular self-government.

Farther on, we read that "the *ecclesia* which was in Jerusalem"—thus localizing and individualizing the Church which had gathered about the original nucleus—sent Barnabas upon a missionary errand to Antioch; and again, "the *ecclesia* that was at Antioch," thus individualized by its locality, sent Barna-

<sup>1</sup> Alford's comment on Acts i. 23, is, "the whole company to whom the words had been spoken; not the eleven apostles."

Baumgarten says, "Peter does not bring the matter before the apostles, for them to consider and determine upon it, but he stood up in the midst of all the disciples, and it is precisely upon this occasion that the number (one hundred and twenty,) is given as of all the names—an expression very proper to set forth the equal character of all present, and the absence of all distinction among them. This collective body, consequently, is the active subject of the three actions in vv. 23, 24, and 26;" i. e., they appointed, they prayed, they gave forth their lots.

Rothe is equally explicit. He says, "In order to introduce the election of a new apostle, Peter turns to the whole community of Christians, (already numbering about 120,) lays before them the necessity for the choice of a new apostle, and calls them to enter upon such an election. Hereupon the Congregation—not the Apostolic College, for itself alone—chose the limited number of two candidates; they all prayed, and all cast their lots."—*Anfänge der Christ, Kirche* i., § 21.

Neither of the above authorities is a Congregationalist.

<sup>2</sup> Acts vi. 3.

bas and Saul upon a general missionary tour,—each Church in its individual capacity, and without consultation with any other, taking measures for the spread of the gospel.

The New Testament furnishes no instance of the appointment of officers over a local Church, or the administration of discipline in such Church, by any power or authority extraneous to that Church itself. Where do we find the apostles administering government or discipline in the local *ecclesia*, by virtue of their official prerogative? Instruction, counsel, exhortation, admonition, they address to individual Christians, to Church officers, and to churches collectively; but they never impose officers or measures upon local churches by apostolical authority, nor do they institute or recognize any body—synod, classis, convention, council—as superior to the local *ecclesia*, and having control over its administration and discipline. Paul himself accepted an appointment from the Church at Antioch, as one of a deputation to lay the question of Gentile circumcision before the apostles and elders for their advice—a question which was discussed at Jerusalem, in full *ecclesia*, until, under the guidance of the Spirit, a result was reached, in which the apostles, elders, and brethren, were unanimous. In all this proceeding, there is no trace either of official dictation, or of a centralized ecclesiastical government—only the precedence due to character and position. In the fraternal letter of the *ecclesia* at Jerusalem, to the *ecclesia* at Antioch, there is not even as much show of authority as was imputed to the missionary deputations of the American and Baptist Boards, upon questions of policy in India.

With the Church at Philippi, Paul was familiar from the first. But in his epistle, addressed equally to all the saints, with the bishops and deacons, he enjoins nothing upon them by authority. He cautions them against Judaizing teachers, carnal professors, and evil workers. He be-



sees two sisters, who were at variance, to become reconciled in the Lord. But he dictates nothing.

If there was any Church over which Paul might have claimed official jurisdiction, it was that of Corinth. But in all the minute counsels and instructions of his two letters to that Church, we find no trace of official authority over their local affairs. He condemns, reproves, exhorts; but *they* must act. Even in the case of incest, while Paul indignantly demands that the offender shall be excommunicated, *he* does not cut him off from the Church, but bids them do this when gathered together, in the name of Christ, and with his own approval. Again, he pleads for the restoration of the penitent; "sufficient to such a man is this censure, which was inflicted *of many*; wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm your love toward him."<sup>1</sup> This case of discipline was conducted according to Christ's rule, which knows no such thing as discipline by a Church officer, or board of officers, or by a series of ecclesiastical judicatories; but makes the *ecclesia* to which the offender belongs, the court of judgment, and the highest censure the outcasting from its own fellowship.<sup>2</sup>

While the apostles address Christians and churches upon matters of faith and duty, with the authority of inspired teachers and guides, they nowhere claim the right of control over particular churches.

The churches of Asia Minor were addressed by John; not as one territorial or incorporated body, but as seven distinct churches, known by their several localities,—each having a history, a life, a character of its own, and specific duties to

perform, under the immediate authority of Christ.

But are we not told that Paul and Barnabas "ordained elders in every Church?" Yes, and the word *cheirotonein* informs us precisely how they did this—by calling for a vote—taking the sense of the *ecclesia*, in the usual form of stretching forth the hand. Tyndale translates it, with literal accuracy, "when they had ordered them elders by *eleccion*<sup>3</sup> in every congregacion." Cranmer and the Genevan version have the same. But the ecclesiastical proclivities of King James's revisers made it expedient for them to omit the significant fact of a popular election.

The unvarying testimony of the New Testament is that all the prerogatives of a Church—the prerogative of enjoying Church ordinances, of maintaining fellowship, of electing officers, of administering discipline—are vested in each *ecclesia* of believers, under the sole authority of Christ. Yet, in asserting this independence, we must constantly bear in mind what has already been said, that in the exercise of these prerogatives, the Church possesses no individual independence that can justify it in treating any of its members *contrary to the law of Christ*. In its code of discipline, that law is marked by the most sacred regard for personal character, for candor, forbearance, justice; and no Church can plead its power of self-government as giving to an accidental and fluctuating majority—perhaps blinded by prejudice, or heated by passion, or hoodwinked by partizan leaders—the authority to override Christ's rule of proceeding toward an alleged offence. The very independence of churches as respects human authority, enjoins upon them the more careful reverence for the authority of Christ. Nor can the plea of

<sup>1</sup> 2 Cor. ii. : 6, 7.

<sup>2</sup> Alford's comment on Matt. xviii. : 17, is directly to the purpose: "*Ecclesia*, that congregation [of Christians] of which thou and he are members. That it cannot mean *the Church as represented by her rulers*, appears by vv. 19, 20—where *any* collection of believers is gifted with the power of deciding in such cases. Nothing can be farther from the spirit of our Lord's command, than proceedings in what are oddly enough called 'ecclesiastical courts.'"

<sup>3</sup> This interpretation is borne out by such authorities as Rothe, Baumgarten, Beza, and Calvin, ("constituted by suffrage,") Schaff, ("taking the vote,") De Wette, Barnes, Alford, ("the apostles ordained elders whom the churches elected,") J. A. Alexander, and others too numerous to mention.

independence exempt any Church from the moral censure of other churches, if it violates the fundamental charter of all churches, given in the New Testament.

V. Another principle of the New Testament polity is, that CHURCH OFFICERS DO NOT CONSTITUTE A DISTINCT ORDER OF CHRISTIANS—AN ARISTOCRACY, A HIERARCHY, A SELF-PERPETUATING CLASS, LIKE THE TRIBE OF LEVI—BUT ARE CHOSEN BY EACH CHURCH, FOR GUIDANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, AND ARE SUCH ONLY AS ARE NEEDED FOR THESE ENDS. The *ecclesia* exists before its officers, and is constituted not by an official commission from abroad, but by the convening of Christians in the place. The officers of each particular Church become such only by its election; and that election gives them no power or authority in other churches, but only the power of administration, so far as committed to them, in that particular *ecclesia*.

That there should be officers in a Church, grows out of the very nature of a society; and the apostle Paul tells us expressly, that teachers of various grades were designed of Christ himself for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. While every believer is commissioned to proclaim Christ, by the very fact of his discipleship, the providence and grace of God will indicate in some a peculiar fitness for the work of the ministry; yet these can be constituted Church officers only by the call and election of a particular Church. The churches are required to judge of the spiritual gifts of religious teachers, and their soundness in the faith; and teachers are amenable not only to the Master, but to their Christian brethren.

Only two classes of Church officers are known to the New Testament. The first is described under various titles:—*pastors, teachers, bishops, elders, leaders*—titles denoting the various functions of instruction, counsel, guidance, administration. In several of the primitive churches, as at Phi-

lippi and at Ephesus, there is mention of a plurality of bishops or elders. The only other officers are *deacons*, who, in addition to the care of charities, tables, and temporalities in the Church, are encouraged to exercise their spiritual gifts, and to cultivate a Christian boldness in the faith. To *minister*—in the primary functions of teaching and administration, and in the subordinate function of waiting—is the whole use and intent of Church officers. Ministers and deacons only are needed for the purposes of a Church, and none others are mentioned in the great charter of the Christian *ecclesia*. Any other officer would be a supernumerary, and a supernumerary is very likely to be a nuisance. Of course it is competent, as it is often desirable, for a Church to have its clerk, its treasurer, its steward, its committees, for details of business; but no one thinks of searching for officers of this description in the New Testament. Such officers are instituted not by divine appointment, nor by apostolic precedent, but by the inherent powers of a society.

So, too, those who have commended themselves to the churches in any orderly way for the work of the ministry, though not in the pastoral office, have the implied approbation of the churches in their calling; but these are neither officers of local churches, nor an independent, self-perpetuating order in the Church at large. In that great work of proclaiming Christ which is the privileged function of all believers, such brethren have gained a special recognition by reason of their gifts and graces, and are highly esteemed in love for their work's sake—but they have no official prerogative over the churches. Hence our usage commits the ordaining of evangelists not to an association or other ministerial body, acting in an official capacity, but to a council of churches convened for that specific purpose. According to the New Testament there are no officers over the churches but those that are in the churches severally, by their election.

VI. Under the New Testament polity, PARTICULAR CHURCHES MAINTAIN FELLOWSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER BY ACTS OF INTERCOMMUNION, AND EXERT UPON EACH OTHER THE MORAL INFLUENCE OF ADVICE OR OPINION. While every church was independent, no church was isolated. Was there a report of conversions and the gathering of an *ecclesia* at Samaria, at Antioch, —immediately the *ecclesia* at Jerusalem sent messengers, not to regulate the movement officially, but to acquaint themselves with the facts, and to proffer encouragement, sympathy and aid. Was there a famine in Judea? Immediately the churches in other parts made contributions for the relief of the saints. Did the question of circumcision embarrass an *ecclesia* of mixed Jewish and Gentile converts? The advice of some more experienced or impartial *ecclesia* was sought in the premises. Did Christians go from place to place? They carried, in some form, letters of introduction and commendation from all the saints. The communion of all the churches is as plain upon the face of the New Testament, as is the autonomy of each particular church in its own affairs. The churches are co-ordinate and in fellowship. As Prof. H. B. Smith accurately states it in his Chronological History, the relations of the primitive churches to each other are “co-ordinate, not subordinate; social, not corporate.”

These primitive and Apostolic principles of church polity obtained, under gradual encroachments and limitations, far down the second century; and there are traces of the popular element in the *ecclesia* for a century later. The oft-quoted sayings of early Fathers, e. g., of Clement of Rome, that church offices were filled “with the consent of the whole *ecclesia*”;<sup>1</sup> of Tertullian, that “where there are three believers, though but laymen, there is a church”; of Cyprian, that

by almost universal usage, even down to his time, the suffrages of the people were necessary to the valid election of a bishop; will at once occur to every reader of Church history. But the concessions of ecclesiastical historians who have no sympathy with ‘the Congregational way,’ are conclusive upon this point.

Do we inquire of *Schaff*—the representative of the German Reformed Church, and an advocate of a quite high-toned Churchism? He tells us frankly, that in the apostolic age, “so soon as there was a community of believers, nothing was done without its active participation. . . . As to the Presbyter-bishops, Paul and Barnabas appointed them to office in the newly-founded congregations, by *taking the vote* of the people; thus merely presiding over the church.” This democratic form which *Schaff* concedes to have been the apostolical organization of the first century, as he traces the succeeding history, gives place by degrees, first to the catholic episcopal system, then to the metropolitan, then to the patriarchal, and afterwards, in the Latin church, to the absolute papacy.<sup>2</sup>

Do we inquire of *Burton*, late Regius Professor of Divinity at Oxford? Though he would fain imagine in the primitive eldership a single authority approaching somewhat to that of bishop, he concedes that these elders “were chosen by general suffrage,” and that “this was probably the method pursued in all appointments of this kind.”<sup>3</sup>

Do we ask *Guericke*, of Halle, high Lutheran in doctrine and polity? He too recognizes the democratic freedom of the primitive churches, and admits that even in the third century, “the laity had by no means lost all share in the management of the concerns of the Church”; that “without the co-operation of the membership, as well as of the other clergy, the bishops were not accustomed to proceed to the election of a clergyman”;

<sup>2</sup> Hist. of the Apostolic Church, B. iii., § 126

<sup>3</sup> Lectures on Eccles. History, p. 113.

<sup>1</sup> 1 Clem. 44, Ep. iv. and ix. Licet Laici.

that "in exceptional cases the church itself, without waiting for the bishops, chose a successor to the deceased bishop"; and that "the laity still took part in the exclusion of members from church privileges, and in their reception again."<sup>1</sup>

Do we question *Hase*, the learned theologian of Jena? He tells us that "the elders were sometimes called by the *unassuming* name, *episcopoi* (overseers)"; and that "the officers of each church were chosen by the people, or with the consent of the people were installed over them by those who organized them into a church," . . . that "in the management of its public affairs each congregation was an independent society, but by spiritual fellowship, and the influence of distinguished travelling teachers, all the congregations were so connected together, as collectively to form *one* great kingdom of God, of which even in the time of Paul, Jerusalem was regarded as the center."<sup>2</sup>

Shall we question *Rothe*, who holds that the rise of Episcopacy was an historical necessity for the Church in the earliest centuries? But with all his high-church theorizing, he yet testifies of the first century that "the *democratic* character of the first organization of the Christian congregation cannot be mistaken in the historical periods under consideration. In what pertained to *Congregational* affairs, not *Church* affairs,<sup>3</sup> the apostles never acted in their own names; the most definite recognition and sacred maintenance of the right of the congregations to co-operation in all matters pertaining to them, *merely as such*, are indicated in all their steps. We see this most clearly in the way and mode of the appointment of the congregation-officers, limited as is our knowledge upon this point in the apostolic time. [Here follows the reference to the election of Matthias, already cited.]

"The letters of Paul which treat of religious disciplinary questions which were

discussed by the Christians of those days, are addressed to the congregations as a whole, and the apostle herein presupposes that in such things a consultation of the *entirety* of the congregation takes place. Had he regarded these topics as pertaining exclusively to the business routine of the congregation-officers, would he not have addressed his advice and instructions, at least sometimes, directly to them? Even when he comes to speak on the settlement of private disputes of separate members of the congregation with one another, he appears not to regard this as the peculiar official business of the congregation-officers, nor to give them [the officers] in any such affairs a peremptory official power."<sup>4</sup>

Shall we put upon the stand that highest of high-church historians, *Bingham*, author of *Origines Ecclesiasticæ*? Even he will admit that down into the third century, "the power of the people in the election of a bishop was equal to that of the inferior clergy," and that this conjunctive power of clergy and people was "not barely *testimonial*, but a judicial and effective power, by way of proper suffrage and election."<sup>5</sup>

Shall we cite, as a witness, one of the most learned writers of the Roman Catholic school—*Döllinger* of Munich? With praiseworthy candor, he tells us that in the first three centuries, "the election of the clergy could not canonically take place without the participation of the assembled community. In the very beginning of the Church, the faithful [i. e., believing brethren,] elected Joseph and Matthias, one of whom was to enter into the place of Judas, the fallen apostle; they chose also the seven whom the apostles ordained deacons. In succeeding times, the bishop, in particular, (who, to enjoy the confidence of all, required the testimony of all, that he was the most worthy,) was chosen by the voices of his brethren. In ages when the not yet very

<sup>1</sup> Manual, § 30, p. 114, Shedd's edition.

<sup>2</sup> History of Christian Chh. § 42.

<sup>3</sup> *Rothe* distinguishes between the local Congregation of believers, and the universal Church.

<sup>4</sup> Anfänge, § 21.

<sup>5</sup> Antiquities, B. iv., Cap. ii.



numerous communities were formed entirely, or almost entirely, of holy men, when all were filled with one spirit, and when ambition and other impure motives influenced none—this was certainly the most desirable method of instituting the ministers of the Church. For thus, the pastor knew his sheep, and his sheep knew him; the people, or at least, the majority of the people, who had elected the bishop, would the more willingly obey the commands of him whom their own choice had placed over them. But in later years, when persons of all characters had entered the Church, when the spirit of party had expelled the ancient unity and love, when the communities were open to the influence of passion and demagogical arts, it became necessary that the Church should confine, as narrowly as possible, the power of the people in the election of the clergy.”<sup>1</sup>

Here might we rest the evidence, and accept as final this consent of many witnesses of divers schools to the popular character of the primitive Church polity. Surely when a Romanist admits this, at the same time conceding that this popular organization marked the highest Purity, Unity, and Love, in the “communities of holy men,” and that the circumscribing of the power of the people marked the decline of the Church from that ancient unity, purity and love,—surely, with such testimony from such a witness, we might close the case.

But I have one other witness, from among many, to bring upon the stand.

<sup>1</sup> History of the Church, Chap. iii., sec. 2.

Dr. Döllinger, who still holds his Professorship in the great Catholic University of Munich, has lately startled that capital by a course of lectures, in which he demonstrates from history, that the secularization of the Papal States is necessary to preserve the Pontificate in its true ecclesiastical character. A devout adherent of the doctrines and order of the Romish Church, he is yet a man of singular candor and simplicity upon such topics as are noted above. His learning is of the highest order, and his concession touching the democracy of the primitive churches is invaluable.

And he is a personal witness from the beginning of the third century, who appears before us as one risen from the dead. Three hundred and ten years ago, excavations on the road to Tivoli, near Rome, brought to light a marble statue of a venerable figure, sitting in an Episcopal chair. Inscriptions upon the chair itself, and corroborating testimony, identified this as the statue erected at that spot to commemorate the martyrdom of an early bishop of Portus—some sixteen miles from Rome, near the mouth of the Tiber. Twenty years ago, the Imperial Library at Paris was enriched by a collection of ancient manuscripts, brought from monasteries in Greece; and in 1851, a work from this collection, imputed to Origen, was published under his name, from the University press at Oxford. That omniverous scholar who then represented the Court of Prussia at the Court of St. James, devoured this treatise in a single night,—determined from internal evidences that it could not have been written by Origen; and in a series of letters to Archdeacon Hare, in which the newly-found work was examined by every known test of history, *Bunsen* announced to the world the great discovery that HIPPOLYTUS, Bishop of Portus in the third century, was speaking to men of the nineteenth century, in this authentic volume from his pen. To confirm all the internal and historical proof of this authorship, the book mentions as his, another work given in the list engraved upon the statue, and that list enumerates a work on heresy which is substantially identified with this. Soon the scholarship of Europe settled down in the conclusion that the newly-found “*Philosophumena*” was from the pen, not of Origen, but of Hippolytus.

The work is chiefly occupied with the discussion of contemporary heresies; but in the ninth book, he denounces the character, the doctrine, and the ecclesiastical pretensions of Callistus—a contemporary bishop of Rome—in a way that strikingly illustrates the equality of pas-

tors and the independence of churches at the beginning of the third century. He speaks of Callistus as a heretic, "a man crafty in evil, and versatile in deceit, aspiring to the chair of the Episcopate." He represents Zephyrinus, Bishop of Rome from A. D. 202-218, as "an unlearned and illiterate person, and unskilled in ecclesiastical science, covetous, and a receiver of bribes, whom Callistus led as he pleased." When Callistus succeeded Zephyrinus, Hippolytus refused to recognize him as a true bishop; called his Church the school or sect of Callistus, which some, "lost to all sense of shame, presume to call a Catholic Church." He denounces Callistus as a renegade and cheat, who had set up for himself a school against the Church—receiving even those who were excommunicated from other men's congregations. For all this, Hippolytus exposes him to the eyes of the churches, in order, as he says, "that by manifestation of his [Callistus'] conversation, the heresy which was broached by him may become *easy of cognizance to those who have sense*, and haply may be regarded as childish by them." Yet this Callistus stands in the regular line of Roman bishops, from 219-223. What a commentary is this upon the Church polity of that period! How manifest that neither Popery, nor Prelacy, nor diocesan Episcopacy, had yet been inaugurated, when Bishop Hippolytus—whose church was related to Rome, as Flushing to New York, or Brookline to Boston—could thus openly repudiate Bishops Zephyrinus and Callistus, and appeal to those in the churches "who have sense," to repudiate their heresies. Think of a modern bishop of Civita Vecchia writing thus of his Pope, or an Episcopalian rector offering such compliments to his diocesan!

That the churches should finally have parted with their independence, and have come under the absolutism of a hierarchy, is no more surprising than that within eighty years after the establishing of American Independence, nine or ten

States should abandon the best Constitutional government the world ever saw, and put themselves under a self-constituted oligarchy, culminating in a military despotism. The New Testament is the charter of Church liberty. The Apostolic age maintained that liberty, unsullied. The second century witnessed the struggles of primitive and chartered liberty with an insidious and ambitious clerical usurpation. But even in the third century, we see the flag of independence waving at Portus, in defiance of the arrogant centralization of Rome—that little Sumter holding in check the confederate heresy and wickedness of the usurping hierarchy.

It avails nothing to pursue farther the course of history, since our concern is solely with New Testament principles and precedents in Church polity. These we have gathered from the original charter, illustrated and defined by the experience of two centuries, and the concessions of the learned in every school of theology and polity. We have looked only for that which, in obvious design or from the nature of the case, is *permanent*, in the New Testament conception and administration of a Church. The apostolic office, the community of goods, the mode of worship—apparently after the manner of the synagogue—a free participation in teaching, exhorting, praying, prophesying, under the general oversight of a presiding board,—all this was, in the nature of things, occasional and temporary, and never meant to be crystallized into a concrete order. But the great principles of individual Christian rights; of free Church organization and action, under the law of Christ; of voluntary communion and reciprocal fellowship among the churches; of local officers chosen by, and responsible to, their several churches; these, and cognate principles, which we have enunciated from the New Testament, are of permanent vitality and force as the law of Church organization. They are not an iron frame-work, by which we must adjust a Church, in order that it may

be a true Church of Christ ; but they are principles upon which we cannot improve, and from which it is not wise or safe to depart. They are the principles which the apostles applied to the organization of the first churches, and to which the Spirit of inspiration was willing to commit the whole matter of Church polity, without dictating minute and invariable rules of discipline and administration. They are the essential principles of the Congregational polity.

We have barely hinted at that grand spiritual unity of all believers by virtue of their individual union with Christ, who, in their totality, constitute *the Church*. This unity is neither a uniformity of organization, nor an aggregation of organized churches ; yet such churches, by their purity of faith and life, help to manifest the true Church ; and by their cordial co-operation in the gospel, help to show forth its unity. The primitive churches, constituted of individual believers drawn together by a common faith, regulated within themselves by the law of Christ, " formed a sort of federative body of independent religious communities, which, though dispersed through the greater part of the Roman empire, were in continual communication, and in constant harmony with each other." This is the nearest approximation to a visible and formal unity of Christians. It is not possible to conceive of a more beautiful order and unity than this, for that " Church of the future," which is the ideal of many in our time. The notion that a new Church will arise from the fusing of existing elements and their reconstruction under another order, is like the notion that the way unto a more perfect civil government lies through the dissolution and reconstruction of the Union of these States ;—whereas, the purifying and ennobling of the government and the nation, is to be accomplished by a return to the first principles of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution ; whereby we have, upon the one hand, so much of personal liberty and local communal independence, that there

seems to be no coherence against anarchy ; and yet, when anarchy and treason lift their head, a central life and unity so spontaneous and so vigorous that the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. So for that " Church of the future," which is the dream of poets and the desire of all devout believers ; a Church worthy to be the bride of Christ ; a glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any blemish or defect ; there is no need of the disintegration of all existing Church organizations, with a view to reconstruction upon a basis or under a form yet to be devised, but simply of *a return, in all churches, to the spirit and principles of the original constitution*. A true and perfect Church polity is not a *desideratum* to be sought for in the future,—it exists already in the Past. There can be none higher, none better, than that which maintains the spirituality of the membership in each organization ; the independent, self-administrative powers of each society of believers ; the co-operative union of them all, and the spiritual and indissoluble unity of the totality of believers in Christ their head. *This*, alone, can be the Church of the Latter Day Saints, as it was the Church of the primitive believers ; this only can be the Church of the Advent, as it was the Church of the Ascension. Nothing else is practicable in the way of visible unity harmonizing with individual purity and life. For the rest, there remains the inorganized, but ever living *Ecclesia* of Christ—the Holy Catholic Church—the communion of saints. As saith Lightfoot, upon this article of the creed,—

" That is **THE CHURCH** that is a Church *forever*. The Church of God is that, that shall be the Church of God when the world shall be no more. I may compare the Church visible and invisible to the body and the soul. The body is visible, and at last shall come to dust ; but the soul is invisible, and is immortal. Visible churches have died, generation after generation. Where are the visible churches

of Asia and Judea? And time will come when all the visible churches of Europe must come to nothing. But still there was an immortal soul in those churches,—a company of holy ones that go to be a Church of God, in another world, to praise, glorify, and have communion with God forever. This Church in the world, is like the heart in the body of man. *Primum vivens, ultimum moriens*: the first that lives, the last that dies. It began to

live in Adam and Eve, when they embraced Christ; and when it dies, the world must die with it. When the last saint is gathered, then even the soul of the world, and of the visible Church, is gone, and they die too."

I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH; THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS; THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS; THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY; AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

*Am. Cong. Union in Acct't with N. A. Calkins, Treas.*

1861, May 1. Cr. By balance, May 1, 1860, \$5,001 36

#### MAINE.

Rev. Alfred Ives, Castine,	1 00
Congregational Church, Standish,	2 24
A Friend, Portland,	2 00
1st Cong. Church and Society, Bangor,	18 00
"    "    Windham,	3 00
Central    "    Bath,	27 00
Cong.    "    Brunswick,	12 00
Rev. H. S. Loring, Monmouth,	2 00
Rev. Thomas Smith, Brewer,	1 00
Mrs. Eunice H. Andrews, Paris,	2 00
<b>TOTAL,</b>	<b>\$70 24</b>

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Rev. Isaac Willey, Goffstown,	1 00
Rev. Benjamin P. Stone, D.D., Concord,	1 00
Rev. George Dustan, Peterboro',	3 00
Cong. Church, Salisbury,	3 00
Rev. H. Merrill,    "    "	2 00
1st Cong. Church and Society, Concord,	36 73
"    "    Gilmantown Iron Works,	4 00
"    "    Keene,	12 52
"    "    West Lebanon,	10 00
"    "    Haverhill,	10 00
"    "    Amherst,	47 00
"    "    Durham,	12 09
"    "    Greenland,	15 00
"    "    Chichester,	4 75
Rev. George W. Sargent, Raymond,	1 00
<b>TOTAL,</b>	<b>\$163 15</b>

#### VERMONT.

Cong. Church, Pittsford,	14 00
1st Cong. Church and Society, St. Albans,	23 00
"    "    Castleton,	60 00
"    "    Coventry,	8 00
"    "    Morrisville,	1 00
"    "    Dummerston,	5 00
"    "    Georgia,	5 00
"    "    Clarendon,	4 00
"Lent to the Lord," Benson,	2 00
Charles Bowen, Esq., Montpelier,	2 00
Friend, Enosburg,	65
Hon. Myron S. Chandler, Lunenburg,	10 00
<b>TOTAL,</b>	<b>\$134 65</b>

#### MASSACHUSETTS.

Rev. Marcus Ames, North Chelsea,	8 00
"    J. B. Cleaveland, South Egremont,	1 00
"    Albert Paine, North Adams,	1 00
"    Giles Pease, Boston,	1 00
"    Lewis Pennell, W. Stockbridge Center,	1 00
"    E. Y. Garrette, Millbury,	11 50
Mrs. Justin Edwards, Andover,	2 00
Cong. Church, Upton,	4 09
"    "    Byfield,	6 27
Chapel    "    Andover,	85 04
Thomas T. Merrill, Esq., Amesbury,	25 00
Cong. Church, Pepperell,	16 00
Mather Church, Jamaica Plain,	45 00
Monument Church, South Deerfield,	18 00
George E. Porter, Esq., Boston,	10 00
Rev. Thomas Laurie, West Roxbury,	5 00

Rev. Jacob Ide, Jr, Mansfield,	1 00
2d Cong. Church, Greenfield,	137 17
1st    "    "    Leominster,	33 00
"    "    and Society, Granby,	13 50
"    "    Southboro',	11 15
"    "    Somerville,	31 32
Nathan Moseman, Chicopee,	72 10
E. & E., Longwood,	25 00
Rev. David A. Strong, South Deerfield,	2 00
A Lady, Bedford,	2 00
Rev. S. W. Barnum, Phillipston,	50 00
Union Church, Groton,	1 00
Cong.    "    Brinfield,	50
A Parent, \$10, A Lady, Worcester, \$2,	15 90
Miss Elizabeth Eaton, Boston,	12 00
A Lady, Cambridgeport,	10 00
N. K. W., South Boston,	8 00
"    Tolland, \$1, Mr. Low, Gloucester, \$1,	25 00
Elliot Church, Newton Corner,	2 00
Cong.    "    Monson,	175 55
"    "    Sheffield,	20 72
"    "    South Danvers,	13 00
Shawmut Church, Boston,	88 54
Essex Street Church,    "    "	140 50
Bowdoin St.    "    "	198 00
J. M. Beebe, Esq.,    "    "	111 98 }
Cong. Church, Great Barrington,	211 98 }
"    "    Templeton,	34 00
"    "    West Stockbridge Center,	21 00
"    "    Conway,	11 00
"    "    Mittineaque,	14 60
"    "    Coleraine,	9 00
"    "    Whately,	8 36
1st    "    South Hadley Falls,	6 94
"    "    Pittsfield,	15 09
Cong. Church, Rochester,	55 22
3d    "    Marblehead,	7 00
Rev. Jos. H. Thayer, Salem,	2 00
W. R. Hale, Esq., Northampton,	50 00
Miss Martha I. Chittenden, Chelsea,	3 00
New Year's Offering, from a Friend,	25 00
George Beal, Jr., Cohasset,	5 00
Old South Church, Andover,	29 00
Rev. Richard Knight, South Hadley Falls,	5 00
A Friend, Worcester,	1 00
A Friend, \$10, A. S. B., West Roxbury, \$5,	50 00
Winthrop Church, Charlestown,	15 00
Cong.    "    Housatonic,	173 21
1st    "    South Deerfield,	5 00
Edwards    "    Saxonville,	7 39
Winnisimmet    "    Chelsea,	50 00
Cong.    "    Natick,	108 50
1st    "    South Hadley,	16 19
Cong.    "    Wrentham,	50 00
1st    "    Goshen,	17 00
1st    "    Worcester,	4 50
"    "    Ipswich,	68 33
George W. Heard,    "    "	47 00 }
South Cong. Church,    "    "	108 00 }
"    "    Granby,	80 62
Mrs. E. F. Bowles, Boston,	21 04
1st Cong. Church, Dedham,	20 00
	52 23



1st Cong. Church, Chicopee,	6 51	Cong. Church, Voluntown and Sterling,	5 00
" " " New Bedford,	25 50	" " " Broad Brook,	15 65
" " " Newton,	114 53	" " " Danielsonville,	52 29
" " " Fair Haven,	74 50	" " " Deep River,	14 00
" " " Dunstable,	12 75	Rev. C. W. Clapp, Rockville,	15 00
1st Ch. and Soc , Springfield,	27 03	George Kellogg, Esq., "	10 00
South Ch. " "	81 00	Allyn Kellogg, Esq., "	5 00
Central Church, Worcester,	110 69	Others, "	3 00
Bethesda " Reading,	35 00	Rev. Joseph Ayer, East Lyme,	2 00
Cong. " Winchester,	51 30	A Friend, Fair Haven,	2 00
James Ruggles, Esq., Rochester,	8 00	—, East Woodstock,	5 00
Rev. Isaac P. Langworthy, Chelsea,	200 00	Miss Hattie M. Barnes, Fair Haven,	1 00
Rev. Samuel Clark, Rochester,	1 00	R. G. Talcott, Esq., Hartford,	5 00
Mrs. H. E. Richardson, Shrewsbury,	10 00	Cong. Church, Putnam,	25 00
11. W. P., New Bedford, \$2, A Friend, Salem, \$1, 3 00		" " Farmington,	20 85
Rev. E. Colton, Southwick,	1 00	" " Torrington,	3 00
Cong. Church, Williamstown,	10 00	1st " Milford,	25 10
	TOTAL, \$3,299 67	Plym'th " "	24 39
		Rev. Jonathan Brace, D.D., Milford,	5 00
RHODE ISLAND.		Cong. Church, Morris,	9 05
High Street Cong Church, Providence,	81 35	1st " Lebanon,	38 55
Beneficent " " "	3 00		TOTAL, \$2,978 43
	TOTAL, \$84 35		
CONNECTICUT.		NEW YORK.	
Rev. David Root, Cheshire,	1 00	Rev. Thomas Harries, Miller's Place,	1 00
" Everts Scudder, Kent,	1 00	" J. A. Woodhull, Comack,	1 00
" Henry Cooley, West Suffield,	1 00	" Moses Bedell, Penataquit,	1 00
" G. M. Smith, Rocky Hill,	1 00	" Henry A. Staats, Flushing,	1 00
" Hiram Bingham, New Haven,	1 00	B. F. Howe, Esq., New York,	5 00
" W. H. Whittemore, "	1 00	F. B. Knowles, Esq., Gloversville,	125 00
" Henry G. Jessup, Stanwich,	1 00	Miss Ellen R. Brown, Patchogue,	25 00
H. C. Kinsley, Esq., New Haven,	1 00	Bequest of Miss Sophronia Bellows, Volney,	100 00
Ladies' Gleaning Circle, Cheshire, (Mrs. Root,) 14 00		Rev. Richard G. Greene,	1 00
1st Cong. Church, Farmington,	23 25	Cong. Church, Sydney Center,	1 25
Cong. Church and Society, West Hartford,	15 00	" " Pulaski,	10 17
2d Cong. Church, New London,	75 19	A. P. Belcher, Esq., Berkshire,	5 00
1st " " Norwich,	157 11	Walter Biggar, Esq., Andes,	10 00
2d " " " "	51 25	Rev. R. S. Armstrong, South Canton,	2 00
Broadway " "	288 39	H. D. C. McGrawville,	2 00
Cong. " Jewett City,	2 00	Cong. Church, Canandaigua,	86 03
" " Guilford,	75 00	" " Batting Hollow,	2 00
2d Cong. Church, Stonington,	89 90	1st " Albany,	51 18
" " " New London,	63 00	" " Lumberland,	1 76
T. C. Learned, New London; constituting } 25 00		" " Poughkeepsie,	25 00
Rev. Thos. P. Field, Life Member, }		Broadway Tabernacle Church, N. Y. City.,	224 07
Dea. Henry P. Haven, New London,	150 00	Adon Smith,	20 00
Cong. Church, Wallingford,	43 00	Levi M. Bates, Esq., " "	50 00
" " " Huntingdon,	11 00	Ira O. Miller, Esq., " "	50 00
" " " Greenville,	22 70	Julia Dickinson, Fairport,	1 00
Nathan P. Avery, Esq., Greenville,	200 00	A Friend, Perry Center,	1 00
George W. Shelton, Esq., Derby,	25 00	A Friend, Harlem, \$25, A Friend, Castile, \$2,	27 00
Alfred Harger, Oxford,	5 00	A Reformed Dutchman, N. Y. City,	1 00
1st Cong. Church, Stamford,	47 00	New Year's Gift, Chas. Powers, Esq., N. Y. City,	25 00
" " " Abington,	10 00	—, Albany, \$25, E. R. B., Pompey, \$1,	26 00
" " " Waterbury,	117 00	Rev. A. J. Buell, Sydney Center,	1 00
Misses H. & C. Catlin, "	2 00	Rev. A. V. H. Powell, Canaan Four Corners,	1 00
Rev. S. W. Magill, "	5 00	New England Church, Williamsburg,	34 89
F. D. Hollister, Bridgewater,	5 00	Plymouth " " Brooklyn,	189 96
2d Cong. Church, Greenwich,	59 00	Church of the Pilgrims, "	174 26
Cong. Church and Society, Ansonia,	30 00	South Cong. Church, "	32 00
" " " Washington,	22 00	1st " " Greene,	1 00
Cong. Church, Wolcottville,	7 69	Cong. Church, Upper Aquebogue,	6 94
A Friend, Plainville,	5 00	" " " Paris,	1 00
A Lady, \$2, A Friend, Cornwall, \$1,	3 00	" " " Warsaw,	47 26
R. J. Allen, Woodbury,	5 00	A Friend, New York,	25 00
Cong. Church, Westbrook,	7 00	Cong. Church, Paris Hill,	11 28
" " " Middlebury,	5 68	J. P., Green Point,	5 00
Rev. Joseph Eldredge, D. D., Norfolk,	50 00	Rev. S. T. Richards, Spencerport,	1 00
Cong. Church and Society, Granby,	10 50		TOTAL, \$1,419 85
Cong. Church, Collinsville,	90 00	NEW JERSEY.	
Chapel Street Church, New Haven, 150 00 ) 350 00		William Edwards, Patterson,	1 00
E. Atwater, Esq., " 200 00 )		For Building Churches, Trenton,	5 00
North Church, " "	166 00		TOTAL, \$6 00
1st " " " "	87 96	PENNSYLVANIA.	
Dea. Alfred Walker, " "	10 00	William Hasty, Jr., Hollidaysburg,	5 00
Amos Townsend, " "	25 00	A Member of the Reformed Dutch Church,	50 00
Mrs. E. E. Salisbury, " "	50 00	Cong. Church, Leraysville,	13 50
E. C., " "	7 00	Chas. D. Cleaveland, Esq., Philadelphia, Pa.,	10 00
Ezra S. Hubbard, " "	1 00		TOTAL, \$78 50
Cong. Church, Plymouth Hollow,	13 00	OHIO.	
" " " Bethel,	14 40	Cong. Church, Bellevue,	30 75
1st " " " Litchfield,	23 15	" " " Harmar,	25 00
Ashbel Woodward, M. D., Franklin,	25 00	" " " Belpre,	18 00
James Betts, Esq., Stamford,	5 00	" " " Guilford,	8 00
Hon. Calvin Day, Hartford,	50 00	Edson Allen, Toledo,	2 00
Cong. Church, Griswold,	26 00	Rev. R. Page, Farmington,	1 00
" " " Ellington,	27 50	Rev. L. W. Brintnall, Whittlessey,	1 00
" " " Somers,	19 00	F. E. Churchill, Cleveland,	10 00
1st " " " East Windsor,	11 00		TOTAL, \$95 75

## MICHIGAN.

Rev. J. A. McKay, Wayland,	1 00
Rev. W. P. Russell, Memphis,	1 00
Friend, Olivet,	1 00
" Shiawassee,	3 00
Rev. Alanson St. Claire, Muskegan,	1 00
Cong. Church, Grand Rapids,	41 80
" " Hudson,	11 50
" " Genesee,	1 36
" " Adrian,	16 00
" " Allegan,	4 00
" " Cooper,	5 00
<b>TOTAL,</b>	<b>\$86 66</b>

## INDIANA.

Cong. Church, Indianapolis,	16 00
E. E. Johnson, Evansville,	5 00
<b>TOTAL,</b>	<b>\$21 00</b>

## ILLINOIS.

Cong. Church, Farmington,	9 00
" " La Fayette,	23 00
" " Harmar, \$6; Glasgow, \$6,	12 00
" " Wethersfield,	18 64
" " Winnebago,	6 44
" " Dover, 14, 21; Mendota, 9, 80,	23 51
" " Woodburn,	25 50
" " Abingdon, 3, 18; Macomb, 2, 54,	5 72
1st " Chicago,	100 00
Plym'th " "	19 40
Reuben Shipman, Esq., Barry,	50 00
Joseph Blanchard, Toulon,	5 00
Rev. Charles Grauger,	1 00
Rev. C. F. Martin,	1 00
<b>TOTAL,</b>	<b>\$300 21</b>

## IOWA.

Cong. Church, Elk River,	9 50
" " Copper Creek,	2 50
" " (German), Grand View,	2 25
" " Point Creek,	2 95
" " Mt. Pleasant,	3 00
" " Wolf Creek,	9 00
" " Franklin,	2 00
" " Iowa City,	9 00
" " Marion,	7 33
" " Knoxville,	1 00
" " Yankee Settlement,	6 30
" " Sabula,	3 00
" " Tipton,	8 51
" " Newton,	5 00
Rev. Osias Litchfield, Van Buren,	3 00
" Samuel Hemenway, Salem,	1 00
" William Windsor, Mitchell,	2 00
" O. M. Merrill, Waterloo,	1 00
<b>TOTAL,</b>	<b>\$78 39</b>

## WISCONSIN.

T. W. Williams, Esq., Emerald Grove; to constitute Rev. M. P. Kinney a Life Mem., }	25 00
Rev. A. L. Chapin, D. D., Beloit,	1 00
" E. M. Lewis, Potosi,	1 00
" William De Loss Love, Milwaukee,	1 00
Cong. Church, River Falls,	16 00
" " Broadhead,	8 00
" " Sun Prairie,	8 00
" " Hudson,	10 00
" " Westfield,	3 00
" " Sheboygan,	8 00
" " Plymouth,	5 00
Welsh Cong. Church, Milwaukee,	2 00
A Friend,	10 00
<b>TOTAL,</b>	<b>\$93 00</b>

## MINNESOTA.

Rev. J. E. Burbank, Carimona,	2 00
Plymouth Church, St. Paul,	10 00
Cong. " Lenora,	54
<b>TOTAL,</b>	<b>\$12 54</b>

Cong. Church, Quindaro, Kansas,	2 00
" " Omaha City, Neb.,	3 00
" " Downsville, Cal.,	20 00
From Rev. T. S. Burnell, Madura, India,	15 00
From Int. on Balance of Deposits with U. S. Trust Company,	56 25
A Friend, to const. Rev. Henry Weeks a L. M.	25 00
Year Books sold,	1 80
Rev. Charles Burgess,	1 00
For assisting needy churches,	2 00
J. P., \$2; C. W. L., \$1; A Friend, \$1;	4 00

Total available resources for the year, \$14,048 80

## Am. Cong. Union in acc't with N. A. Calkins, Treas.

Dr.—From May 1, 1860, to May 1, 1861.

To appropriations paid to Congregational churches, as follows, viz:	
1st Cong. Church, Nevada, Cal.,	300 00
Merriam " Loda, Ill., by Charles Merriam, Esq., Springfield, Ms.,	300 00
1st Cong. Church, El Paso, Ill.,	300 00
1st " " Collins Station, Ill.,	150 00
1st " " Gosport, N. Y.,	200 00
" " " Salina, Io,	250 00
" " " Magnolia, Io., by Hon. J. P. Trask, Gloucester, Ms.,	100 00
1st Cong. Church, Wyandotte, Kansas,	500 00
" " " Oroville, Cal.,	300 00
" " " Grass Hopper Falls, Kan.,	
by N. P. Avery, Esq., Greenville, Ct.,	200 00
1st Cong. Church, Wataga, Ill.,	250 00
" " " Onarga, Ill.,	200 00
" " " Topeka, Kansas,	300 00
" " " Staceyville, Iowa, by Dea. H. P. Haven, New London, Ct.,	150 00
1st Cong. Church, Mt. Pleasant, Io.,	250 00
" " " Toledo,	250 00
Ev. " " Canton, Ms.,	300 00
Trin. " " Dorchester, Ms.,	350 00
" " " Leavenworth, Kan.,	500 00
1st " " Pecatonica, Ill.,	225 00
Ind. " " Poosapatuck, N. Y.,	50 00
" " " Hyannis, Ms.,	200 00
" " " New Berlin, Ill.,	300 00
" " " Galesburg, Mich., by the Cong. Church, Collinsville, Ct.,	90 00
" " " Clinton, Kan., by E. Atwater, Esq., New Haven, Ct.,	200 00
1st Cong. Church, North Hyde Park, Vt.,	250 00
" " " Waynesville, O., by J. M. Beebe, Esq., Boston, Ms.,	100 00
Cong. Church, McGregor, Io.,	500 00
1st Cong. Church, De Soto, Wis.,	200 00
" " " Newark, Ill.,	300 00
" " " Avon, Ill.,	200 00
" " " West Salem, Wis., by 2d Cong. Church, Greenfield, Ms.,	150 00
Williams " " Pleasant Prairie, Wis.,	150 00
Welsh " " Williamsburg, Io.,	150 00
Cong. " " Monroe, Wis., by Rev. I. P. Langworthy, Chelsea, Ms.,	200 00
Cong. Church, Staffordville, Ct.,	200 00
" " " Owen, Ill., by Chapel Street Church, New Haven, Ct.,	150 00
Cong. Church, Lowell, Mich.,	250 00
" " " Clearwater, Min., by Edwards Church, Saxtonville, Ms.,	50 00
To salaries and traveling expenses of Secretary and Treasurer,	2,881 96
" Moving, fitting up rooms, signs, etc.,	84 23
" Rent of Rooms, (less rent received,)	500 00
" Fuel and Light,	13 60
" Traveling expense, Prof. Phelps,	14 00
" Sexton, Broadway Tabernacle,	5 00
" Filling up Life Members' Certificates,	16 37
" Subscriptions to " Cong. Quarterly," for clergymen pledging contributions,	115 00
" Pastor's Library to the Cong. Church at Georgetown, Ms.,	50 00
" Cartage, express, and discount,	7 47
" Printing letter-heads, blanks and circulars,	28 30
" Stationary and postage,	95 55
" Publishing 5,000 Annual Reports,	127 78

Balance in Treasury, May 1, 1861, \$13,004 26  
\$1,044 54

We, the undersigned, appointed by the Board of Trustees of the American Congregational Union, hereby certify that we have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer, N. A. Calkins, Esq., and find the same correct, agreeably to his annual statement, bearing date the first day of May, 1861; showing a balance in the Treasury of one thousand and forty-four dollars and fifty-four cents.

HENRY C. BOWEN, } Auditors.  
JAS. W. EDWELL, }

NEW YORK, May 9, 1861.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

BY THE PAYMENT OF TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS OR UPWARD.

- Abbe Rev. F. R., Abington, Ms.  
 Abbott Dea. Austin, New York.  
 Abernethy Charles, New York.  
 Addington S. H., Niagara City, N. Y.  
 Alden Rev. E., Jr., Marshfield, Ms.  
 Alden Rev. E. K., So. Boston, Ms.  
 Allen George, Jr., Chelsea, Ms.  
 Allen William, New York.  
 Alling Stephen B., Newark, N. J.  
 Alling Mrs. Stephen B., "  
 Anderson Rev. Jos., Grand Haven, Mich.  
 Anderson Rev. Joseph, Stamford, Ct.  
 Anderson Rev. Rufus, D. D., Boston.  
 Arms Rev. H. P., Norwich, Ct. [Ms.  
 Atkinson Rev. T., Westport, Ct.  
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 Atwater Mrs. Rebecca H. D., "  
 Atwater Dea. Elihu, "  
 Atwood Payne G., Chelsea, Ms.  
 Avery Nathan P., Greenville, Ct.  
 Ayres Alexis, Newark, N. J.  
 Ayer Rev. Joseph, East Lyme, Ct.  
 Bacon Geo. W., Newton, Ms.  
 Bacon Jos. N., "  
 Bacon Rev. James M., Essex, Ms.  
 Bassett N. G., Newburyport, Ms.  
 Batcheller Ezra, No. Brookfield, Ms.  
 Bates Levi M., New York.  
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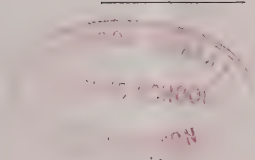
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*Number of Churches contributing in each State towards the \$200,000 Church-building Fund.*

It may be of interest to some to know how large a proportion of our own churches have contributed to the church-building work in each State during one year, from May 1, 1865, to April 30, 1866. As thus far reported, the facts are as follows, viz.:—

106 out of 245 churches in Maine; 110 out of 184 in New Hampshire; 66 out of 193 in Vermont; 362 out of 489 in Massachusetts; 16 out of 21 in Rhode Island; 175 out of 284 in Connecticut; 101 out of 216 in New York; 3 out of 7 in New Jersey; 13 out of 62 in Pennsylvania; 1 in Delaware; 1 in Maryland; 1 in District of Columbia; 69 out of 160 in Ohio; 8 out of 24 in Indiana; 98 out of 220 in Illinois; 61 out of 140 in Michigan; 58 out of 160 in Wisconsin; 27 out of 55 in Minnesota; 72 out of 159 in Iowa; 4 out of 18 in Missouri; 16 out of 32 in Kansas; 4 out of 9 in Nebraska; 2 out of 3 in Colorado; 2 out of 7 in Oregon; 1 in Tennessee; 28 out of 29 in California.

In New England, out of 1,416 churches, 835 have made contributions. Out of New England, from 569 churches out of 1,305, contributions have been received.

## BUSINESS MEETING.

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The Thirteenth Annual Business Meeting of the American Congregational Union was held at the Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, on Thursday, May 10, at 3½ P. M.

The President of the Society, REV. LEONARD BACON, D. D., was in the chair. Prayer was offered by the Rev. A. P. Marvin, of Boston.

The Annual Report of the Trustees\* was read by the Rev. I. P. Langworthy, Corresponding Secretary.

The Treasurer read a summary of his Annual Report for the year ending May 1, 1866.

On motion, it was

*Voted*, That the Annual Reports of the Board of Trustees, and of the Treasurer, be accepted, and published under the direction of the Trustees.

On motion, the President appointed the following gentlemen a Committee for the nomination of officers of the Society for the ensuing year:—Rev. George F. Magoun, Rev. W. I. Budington, D. D., Rev. Lewis Pennell.

The Committee reported the following named persons for the several offices of President, Vice-Presidents and Trustees, all of whom were duly elected:—

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REV. MARK HOPKINS, D. D., Williamstown, Mass.

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REV. ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, Boston, Mass.  
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*Treasurer and Recording Secretary.*

N. A. CALKINS, New York.

The rooms of the American Congregational Union are at 49 Bible House, New York. Room of the New England Corresponding Secretary, 23 Chauncy Street, Boston, Mass.

On motion, the Rev. A. P. Marvin, agent for the American Congregational Association, of Boston, was invited to address the meeting on the subject of the erection of a library building. After listening to his remarks, Rev. W. I. Budington, D. D., introduced the following Resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved,* That the Union have heard with pleasure of the project of building a Congregational House in Boston, which would be a depository of the literature and memorials of the denomination, and a home for Congregationalists, and do heartily commend it to all Congregationalists in the land, in the hope that an edifice will be erected which shall be worthy of our history, and promotive of our honor and common and wide-spread interests.



After discussing the importance of continued efforts to raise the balance of the proposed \$200,000 fund, and of the necessity of larger contributions from the churches, annually, to meet the increasing demands for aid in building houses of worship at the West and South, Rev. George F. Magoun offered the following Resolution, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the churches be earnestly requested to answer the call of the Trustees in their Annual Report for \$100,000 for the ensuing year, and that those which have not yet contributed to the \$200,000 fund inaugurated by the National Council at Boston, be specially exhorted to do their duty at once in this regard.

Adjourned.

N. A. CALKINS,  
*Recording Secretary.*

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The Thirteenth Social Reunion was held in the Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, at 7½ o'clock, May 10, 1866.

Hon. WILLIAM A. BUCKINGHAM, of Connecticut, presided.

Addresses were made by Rev. W. I. Budington, D. D., Rev. C. B. Boynton, D. D., Chaplain of the House of Representatives, Major-General O. O. Howard, Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, and others.

The exercises of the evening had special reference to raising funds to aid in the erection of a house of worship for the First Congregational Church in Washington, D. C. During the evening, a subscription and collection was taken up, and over five thousand dollars were raised for that purpose.

THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

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The Thirteenth Report of the Trustees of the American Congregational Union is herewith presented. The past has been a year of encouraging progress. At the conference of committees from the general associations and conferences of Congregational churches, held in this city November 16 and 17, 1864, for the purpose of considering the question of calling a general convention or council of delegates from all our Congregational churches, that question was unanimously decided in the affirmative; and among the topics recommended for consideration by that body, when together, was that of church building. This act tended in itself to call attention to this subject. An able and thorough report upon our work, in its influence on the feeble churches aided in erecting sanctuaries, and upon the great importance of enlarging our operations so as to meet the present and immediately prospective demands of churches already existing, and of little clusters of praying men and women, north and south, east and west, that were waiting to be organized into churches, was prepared and presented by the Rev. J. E. Roy, of Chicago, Ill. This subject was fully discussed, and its further consideration was referred to to an unusually large committee, who reported a series of resolutions, amply indorsing the recommendations of the special report, and the same indorsement was made by the able committee on "Home Evangelization." Indeed, no subject was more fairly or fully before the council; none was more thoroughly considered and none more heartily commended to the churches. The Committee on "Home Evangelization," after speaking of the American Home Missionary Society and the American Missionary Associa-

tion, say: "And since there are some places in the country, and especially in that part of the country which has just been delivered from the curse of bondage, and has been impoverished by the war unsuccessfully waged in behalf of bondage, where churches of central influence and of the Congregational polity, that has no guilty implication with slavery to be remembered against it, might at once be prosperously established, if houses of religious worship and instruction were built, we recommend that an especial fund of \$200,000 be raised by the American Congregational Union, and expended under its direction, for the building of sanctuaries in such places." The Committee on "Church Building," reporting subsequently, say: "We further recommend that, in order to meet the increased expenditure which such an enlargement of our plan implies, and also in view of the present demand for church edifices at the West, and the prospective demand for them in the South, the sum of \$200,000 be raised at once, and *that a much larger sum than has hitherto been raised for this purpose, be secured ANNUALLY to carry out the above plan.*" The late committee of forty-two, on raising the \$750,000 for the general work of Home Evangelization, after several meetings and careful investigation, offered the following: "*Resolved*, That the Council recommend to the American Congregational Union, *without arresting or delaying the especial efforts now in progress or ready to be put forth in behalf of the churches needing aid for the erection of houses of worship*, to call for a simultaneous collection on the Sabbath preceding Forefathers' Day, December 17, when every Congregational church, large or small, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, shall contribute what it can towards the \$200,000 for church building." These recommendations, coming up from these different stand-points and entirely harmonious, received the unanimous and hearty indorsement of the council; and these resolutions of the council indicate unmistakably the duty of the Trustees in the disbursement of much the largest part of this extra fund, should it be secured, it being especially intended for this new work in the South.

Especial appeals were recommended by the council to all the churches, on the great importance of promptly and generously meeting the wants of these organizations which were chosen as the channels for the disbursement of the \$750,000 to be raised. No provision being made by the council for the publication or cir-

culatation of these appeals made by the committees appointed therefor, our Secretary secured the insertion of them in our religious papers, gratuitously, with one or two exceptions. He called frequent attention, through the same organs, to the proposed simultaneous collection on the 17th of December, made personal appeals to the churches, to State and local conferences, corresponded very extensively with pastors, prepared a circular setting forth what, in a few words, our great work and greater want were, and sent it to every Congregational church, large or small, known to exist in our country; and in every other available way sought to interest the giving in the object so especially under our care. Nearly one thousand churches took collections on that proposed Sabbath or the next, and quite a number of the remaining, nearly two thousand churches, have taken collections since that time. Seeing that the recommended \$200,000 had not been secured by nearly one hundred per cent., appeals were repeated early in January last, through our own religious press; and finally, an especial address was prepared by a committee of our board, and published in all our denominational papers, also in a circular, and was sent to all the delinquent churches, urgently soliciting the expected and much needed contribution. Responses to this last effort have been, thus far, both few and feeble. It is believed, however, that these efforts will be productive of more ample returns hereafter.

Our receipts in the first few months of this year, up to December 17, were very small, as our giving churches, intending to take collections, generally deferred them to that day. For the year ending May 1, 1866, they have been one hundred and twenty-three thousand two hundred and sixteen dollars and six cents. This, with the balance in the treasury at the beginning of the year, of thirteen thousand thirty dollars and eighty-one cents, made our available resources for the year one hundred and thirty-six thousand two hundred and forty-six dollars and eighty-seven cents.

While this is very much below the sum so strongly recommended by the National Council, and as much below the real wants of our needy churches, it is so much above what has hitherto been secured for this church-building work, and the whole subject has now been so fully brought before the reading and giving public, that we find abundant occasion for thanksgiving and hope. It must be that those churches which have not given this last year will make contributions the coming year, and those having now



given will so feel its blessedness that they will secure for this great and growing object an annual place upon their calendar, and our great work so well inaugurated will go forward with the energy and enlargement the exigencies of the times so imperiously demand.

In our *ordinary* church-building work, the past has been a prosperous year. We have paid last bills on thirty houses of worship for thirty Congregational churches. In Maine, three; in Massachusetts, one; in New York, four; in Michigan, four; in Wisconsin, three; in Illinois, six; in Iowa, six; in Minnesota, one; in Missouri, one; in California, one; total, thirty; at an expense of \$11,400, or an average of \$380 each.

As has already been said, the large sums recommended by the National Council contemplated an *especial* work more southerly and in the far South; a work "in the regions lying beyond" our ordinary line of work. To fix any specific rules applicable to every case, to know just what to do and what not to do, especially after it was found that but a little more than half the hoped-for means could be now furnished, has been a matter deserving and receiving the serious, repeated and protracted consideration of this board. The desire and purpose have been to do the most good to the most of the needy with the resources at our command. Where larger sums than five hundred dollars have been invested or pledged, ample security for the safety of that amount has been required, a guarantee of its return in case of the failure of the enterprise has in all cases been exacted, and a partial or full re-imbursement of our Treasury for that excess has been, in most cases, provided for. Where the laws of the State will allow, we have taken a deed of the building lot with all its appurtenances in the name of the American Congregational Union, to be held in trust for the Congregational church intending to build and worship on it. Upon these principles we have loaned and given as follows, viz.: New Orleans, La., \$23,500; Washington, D. C., \$13,550; Baltimore, Md., \$7,000; Pittsburg, Pa., \$4,500; Newbern, N. C., \$3,200; Kansas City, Mo., \$500; total, \$52,250. It must be borne in mind that these especial and large appropriations have been made in strict accordance with the directions of the National Council, and that for such a specified purpose alone was so large a sum recommended to be raised.

We now stand pledged to twenty-nine churches, whose sanctuaries are being built, in the gross number of twelve thousand fifty dollars in our ordinary work. In our *especial* work of disbursing the larger fund, we stand pledged to Baltimore, Md., \$3,000 ; to Memphis, Tenn., \$11,000 ; to La Clede, Mo., \$1,000 ; to Williams' Bridge, N. Y., a gift of \$500 and a loan of \$1,500 ; to Kansas City, Mo., \$3,000 ; New Cambria, Mo., \$300, additional to \$500 previously pledged ; to Brookfield, Mo., \$2,000 ; to Olathe, Kan., \$1,000 ; to Albany, Kan., \$400 ; to North Lawrence, Kan., \$1,750 ; to Atlanta, Ga., (Freedmen's Church,) \$1,000 ; to Landis, N. J., \$1,000. Total thus pledged, in loans mostly on good security, \$27,450.

No investments or pledges have been made in behalf of these enterprises in the South-West and South, without the personal investigation of some competent person or persons in our interest, or by our appointment, and then not until, by ample correspondence, satisfactory assurances have been given that titles are unquestionable, and the enterprise has the usual elements of success.

But our work South has but begun. We are in correspondence with other places where the nuclei are gathering and developing, and for which large aid will be sought.

Missouri is calling for much already. The agent of the American Home Missionary Society for that State sends word in advance that eighteen of the feeble churches there will attempt to build the present season, and all will want large help.

The West proper is calling much more loudly than ever before, and our polity is extending over the new regions in that direction more rapidly than ever before. In a word, the work this Union is now called upon to do and is expected to do for Christ and our country, is very great, is very important, and the means to do it have not been at all adequate. In view of both these facts, the Trustees have felt the importance of increasing their own working force. Hitherto one Corresponding Secretary has been deemed sufficient, with such collateral aid as could be secured by the co-operation of pastors and other friends of this cause. But the new and extensive Southern field which has been so largely opened to us, and the increasing demands for church building in the West have necessitated such an amount of correspondence, of traveling,

of public presentation of this work and personal intercourse and negotiation, as to render it impossible for one man to perform it.

The Trustees, after conference with many who have been interested in this work from its beginning, voted unanimously to appoint an additional Corresponding Secretary to occupy the office in this city, now at No. 49 Bible House, who will attend more especially to all our work out of New England, leaving that field to the present incumbent, who will still remain at 23 Chauncy Street, Boston, Mass. The two Secretaries will cross each other's lines with perfect freedom when convenience or the general good may require it, will together examine all applications for aid and agree upon what shall be laid before the Trustees, and in every way practicable co-operate so as to secure the largest means with which to do the most work in the places where it is most needed.

In seeking for the right person to fill so important a position as that just named, the attention of this board was providentially directed to the Rev. Ray Palmer, D. D., of Albany, N. Y., to whom a unanimous call was extended; and it is now our pleasure to announce his acceptance of the same, and that he has already entered upon his duties, and can now be addressed at our rooms, 49 Bible House, New York City. The Trustees are happy in being able to secure a man so widely and favorably known to our churches, and one who can bring to our great and growing work an experience so ripe, a judgment so clear and sound, and a character so unsullied and pure.

In regard to funds for future operations, while it is expected that much of the large amount paid or pledged within the last few months, will be ultimately returned to our Treasury for re-investment, it is also true, first, that none will be so returned for two years, and the most of it not until a much later period; and secondly it is a truth, and an important truth for every pastor and every church to know, that IMMEDIATE wants are pressing us with a cry we cannot satisfy; and nothing short of seventy-five thousand to one hundred thousand dollars a year, for how long a time we cannot foresee, will meet the just demands of our own needy churches, struggling to build houses of worship. It is our firm conviction that no amount below this sum will keep us so in the field as to justify even a place for us in it at all. It were as well to abandon it *in toto*, as not *now* to meet the crisis. We have invoked an open door, and God has opened it and bids us

enter in. We cannot go in with empty hands. And to supply our Treasury with the sum named need inflict no heavy burden on any church, nor supplant any equally needy object. All that is wanted is a sure place for itself with every church, and a regular collection every year, just as the other great benevolences have theirs; and then we will save to Home Missions many an annual salary, and raise up for Foreign Missions and all other good causes, churches that will be sending in their little rills and presently larger streams, and so return to other causes, for the sake of which this now has "the go-by," quite as much very soon, and ere long much more than we now ask for our enlarged work. One hundred thousand dollars from May 1, 1866 to May 1, 1867, is the least sum we dare ask for—shall we have it?



## THE TREASURER'S REPORT OF RECEIPTS.

The following is a complete list of all the contributions received by the Treasurer from May 1, 1865 to May 1, 1866. Should any person fail to find any contribution properly acknowledged herein, he will confer a favor by at once giving the information to N. A. CALKINS, *Treasurer*, 146 Grand Street, New York.

Reports have been received from several churches in which contributions have been taken up for the Church Building Fund, but the money has not been forwarded to the Treasurer. Probably there are many other churches in the same position, from which no information has been sent us. Those having in hand collections towards the \$200,000 Church Building Fund will confer a favor by sending the funds to the *Treasurer*, without further delay.

MAINE.			
Alfred, . . . . .	\$13 26	Foxcroft and Dover, . . . . .	\$40 88
Alma, . . . . .	4 84	Freeport, 1st, . . . . .	6 00
Andover, . . . . .	25 50	Fryeburg, . . . . .	61 08
Auburn, High Street,* . . . . .	120 00	Gardiner, . . . . .	47 25
Augusta, South, . . . . .	42 00	Garland, . . . . .	15 50
Bangor, 1st Church and Parish, . . . . .	100 00	Gorham, 1st, . . . . .	79 75
Bangor, Hammond Street, . . . . .	100 00	Guilford, . . . . .	2 00
Bangor, C. H. A., . . . . .	10 95	Hallowell, . . . . .	150 00
Bath, Winter Street, . . . . .	56 05	Holden, . . . . .	12 91
Bath, Central Street, . . . . .	102 35	Kennebunk, . . . . .	108 56
Belfast, 1st, . . . . .	59 00	Kennebunkport, South Cong. Ch., . . . . .	15 00
Bethel, 1st, . . . . .	30 00	Kittery Point, . . . . .	12 00
Bethel, 2d, . . . . .	15 00	Lebanon Center, . . . . .	21 13
Blanchard, . . . . .	12 07	Limerick, . . . . .	7 00
Blue Hill, . . . . .	16 00	Lovell, . . . . .	10 35
Bradford, . . . . .	2 00	Lyman, Cong. Church and Society, . . . . .	11 65
Brewer, 1st Church and Parish, . . . . .	21 75	Madison, . . . . .	10 00
Brewer Village, . . . . .	7 25	Madison, Mr. Cyrus Goodrich, . . . . .	3 00
Bridgeton, 1st, . . . . .	22 00	Mechanic Falls, . . . . .	18 00
Brownfield, . . . . .	13 88	Monson, . . . . .	25 00
Brown's Corner, . . . . .	5 00	Naples, . . . . .	5 00
Brunswick, . . . . .	115 00	Newcastle, 1st, . . . . .	11 00
Bucksport Cong. Ch. and Society, . . . . .	48 00	Newcastle, 2d, . . . . .	14 50
Buxton, . . . . .	9 00	New Sharon, . . . . .	30 00
Buxton Center, . . . . .	20 00	Norridgewock, . . . . .	57 70
Calais, . . . . .	64 00	North Belfast, . . . . .	6 00
Casco, . . . . .	5 00	North Waterford, . . . . .	23 45
Castine, Trin. Church and Society, . . . . .	26 31	North Yarmouth, . . . . .	20 00
Cornish, Village Cong. Church, . . . . .	16 00	Orland, . . . . .	37 00
Cumberland Center, Cong. Church, . . . . .	14 00	Orono, . . . . .	25 00
Dennysville, . . . . .	22 00	Oxford, . . . . .	3 00
East Orrington, . . . . .	20 00	Patten, . . . . .	25 00
Falmouth, 2d, . . . . .	15 00	Pittston, . . . . .	8 25
Falmouth, 4 individ. in 1st parish, . . . . .	25 00	Portland, Lawrence Street, . . . . .	13 00
		Portland, West, . . . . .	10 00

\* A valuable gift from a member of this church is not yet realized in money.

Portland, Bethel, . . . . .	\$38 00	East Jaffrey, . . . . .	\$12 00
Portland, State Street, . . . . .	341 95	Enfield, . . . . .	10 25
Portland, 2d Cong. Ch. and Parish, . . . . .	90 00	Epping, . . . . .	20 50
Portland, 3d, . . . . .	64 25	Epsom, . . . . .	8 50
Rockland, . . . . .	25 68	Farmington, . . . . .	15 65
Rockport, . . . . .	8 15	Fisherville, . . . . .	40 00
Rumford Point, . . . . .	10 00	Fitzwilliam, . . . . .	20 00
Saco, Benevolent Society, . . . . .	104 00	Francestown, . . . . .	103 32
Sangerville, . . . . .	6 00	Franklin, . . . . .	80 00
Searsport, 1st, . . . . .	58 00	Gilmanton Center, . . . . .	16 00
Searsport, 2d, . . . . .	16 67	Gilsum, . . . . .	11 49
South Berwick, . . . . .	31 20	Goffstown, . . . . .	23 80
South Bridgton, . . . . .	26 25	Great Falls, 1st, . . . . .	43 70
South Paris, . . . . .	16 10	Greenfield, United Cong. Ch. & So., . . . . .	17 00
Stockton, . . . . .	20 10	Greenland, . . . . .	27 55
Stow and Chatham, . . . . .	5 00	Hampstead, . . . . .	9 00
Strong, . . . . .	6 00	Hampton, . . . . .	32 09
Sumner, . . . . .	45 00	Hanover, Dartmouth College, . . . . .	60 42
Sumner and Hartford, Cong. Church and Sabbath School, . . . . .	10 00	Harrisville, . . . . .	25 00
Sweden, . . . . .	6 25	Haverhill, 1st, . . . . .	74 00
Thomaston, . . . . .	45 25	Henniker, . . . . .	68 00
Topsham, . . . . .	40 00	Hillsborough Center, . . . . .	12 00
Turner, . . . . .	25 00	Hollis, . . . . .	48 50
Upper Stillwater, Mrs. Taylor, . . . . .	1 00	Hooksett, . . . . .	15 00
Veazie, . . . . .	5 00	Jaffrey, . . . . .	16 00
Warren, a Friend, . . . . .	5 00	Keene, . . . . .	180 56
Waterford, 1st, . . . . .	12 00	Kensington, . . . . .	17 00
Weld, . . . . .	12 00	Kingston, . . . . .	10 65
Wells, 1st, . . . . .	23 00	Laconia, . . . . .	50 50
Wells, 2d Cong. Ch. and Society, . . . . .	15 00	Lancaster, . . . . .	50 00
West Auburn, . . . . .	32 50	Langdon, . . . . .	12 00
West Minot, . . . . .	8 50	Lebanon, . . . . .	40 00
Wilton, . . . . .	45 00	Lempster, . . . . .	9 15
Winslow, . . . . .	12 50	Littleton, . . . . .	67 50
Winterport, . . . . .	10 00	London, . . . . .	12 00
Winthrop, . . . . .	37 50	Lyme, . . . . .	25 00
Wiscasset, . . . . .	18 17	Lyme, Est. of Miss Eunice Franklin, . . . . .	75 00
Woolwich, . . . . .	10 30	Manchester, 1st, . . . . .	328 00
Yarmouth, 1st, . . . . .	140 00	Manchester, Franklin Street, . . . . .	260 95
Yarmouth, Central Church, . . . . .	8 00	Mason, 1st, . . . . .	10 00
York, 1st, . . . . .	34 00	Meredith Village, . . . . .	40 00
Total, . . . . .	\$3,592 49	Meriden, . . . . .	53 33

## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Acworth, . . . . .	\$24 00	Merrimack, . . . . .	20 00
Amherst, . . . . .	68 12	Milford, and Society, . . . . .	24 46
Auburn, . . . . .	10 00	Mount Vernon, . . . . .	39 00
Barrington, individuals, . . . . .	3 50	Nashua, Pearl Street, . . . . .	201 50
Bennington, . . . . .	20 00	Nelson, . . . . .	11 00
Bethlehem and Franconia, . . . . .	10 50	Newcastle, . . . . .	7 05
Boscawen, . . . . .	50 00	New Ipswich, . . . . .	50 02
Bristol, . . . . .	15 25	Newmarket, . . . . .	102 50
Brookline, . . . . .	6 25	Newport, . . . . .	28 59
Canaan, individuals, . . . . .	5 00	North Conway, . . . . .	15 00
Candia, . . . . .	32 43	North Hampton, . . . . .	42 60
Campton, . . . . .	44 50	Orford, . . . . .	15 50
Center Harbor, . . . . .	20 00	Orfordville, . . . . .	8 00
Chester, . . . . .	37 13	Ossipee Center, . . . . .	6 00
Chichester, . . . . .	9 00	Pembroke, . . . . .	34 78
Claremont, . . . . .	138 75	Peterborough, . . . . .	31 55
Colebrook, . . . . .	20 00	Piermont, . . . . .	30 00
Concord, 1st, . . . . .	130 39	Pittsfield, . . . . .	18 45
Concord, South, . . . . .	113 00	Plymouth, . . . . .	45 19
Concord, Rev. B. F. Stone, D. D., . . . . .	5 00	Portsmouth, North, . . . . .	523 46
Derry, 1st, . . . . .	53 54	Rindge, . . . . .	34 00
Dover, 1st Cong. Ch. and Society, . . . . .	89 50	Rochester, . . . . .	53 00
Dunbarton, . . . . .	40 00	Rye, . . . . .	6 00
Durham, . . . . .	62 50	Salisbury, . . . . .	10 00
East Concord, . . . . .	19 50	Sanbornton, . . . . .	31 00
		Sanbornton Bridge, . . . . .	40 00
		Sandwich, No. and So. Churches, . . . . .	31 25
		South Deerfield, . . . . .	50
		South Newmarket, . . . . .	6 00
		Stoddard, . . . . .	20 50

Stratham, . . . . .	\$15 00
Sullivan, . . . . .	16 25
Swansey, . . . . .	7 92
Tamworth, . . . . .	14 68
Temple, . . . . .	21 00
Troy, . . . . .	24 40
Walpole, 1st, . . . . .	32 50
Webster, . . . . .	22 00
Wentworth, . . . . .	40 00
West Concord, individuals, . . . . .	10 00
West Lebanon, . . . . .	75 00
Westmoreland, . . . . .	5 00
West Northwood, . . . . .	14 00
Wilmot Center, . . . . .	8 00
Wilton, 2d, . . . . .	28 50
Winchester, . . . . .	25 00
Wolfborough, . . . . .	20 00
Total, . . . . .	\$4,945 42

## VERMONT.

Albany, . . . . .	\$4 25
Barnet, . . . . .	11 50
Barre, Sabbath School, . . . . .	15 00
Barton, . . . . .	26 00
Bellows Falls, . . . . .	14 00
Bennington, . . . . .	30 14
Bennington Center, . . . . .	26 87
Benson, . . . . .	32 21
Bradford, . . . . .	11 25
Brandon, . . . . .	50 00
Brattleborough Center, . . . . .	226 00
Brattleborough, Sabbath School, . . . . .	10 00
Brattleborough, A. Van Dorn, . . . . .	5 00
Burlington, . . . . .	101 79
Cabot, S. F. Drew, . . . . .	8 50
Castleton, . . . . .	52 64
Clarendon and Society, . . . . .	40 00
Cornwall, . . . . .	26 00
Coventry, . . . . .	16 00
Dorset, . . . . .	36 80
East Arlington, Rev. Chas. Redfield, . . . . .	10 00
E. Poultney, . . . . .	13 00
East Rutland, . . . . .	233 00
Fairfield, . . . . .	18 00
Fayetteville, . . . . .	15 00
Franklin, . . . . .	4 15
Glover, . . . . .	11 00
Grafton, . . . . .	12 00
Greensborough, . . . . .	15 00
Hardwick, . . . . .	38 15
Highgate, . . . . .	10 00
Holland, . . . . .	15 00
Johnson, . . . . .	13 85
Middlebury, . . . . .	40 00
Morgan, . . . . .	3 08
Morrisville, . . . . .	13 00
Newburyport, Dea. David Wells, . . . . .	1 00
Northfield, . . . . .	20 31
Norwich, . . . . .	50 00
Orwell, . . . . .	32 64
Pittsford, . . . . .	10 25
Pomfret, . . . . .	5 00
Poultney, . . . . .	16 15
Randolph, 1st, . . . . .	11 00
Ripton, . . . . .	3 00
Ripton, Cephas H. Kent, . . . . .	5 00
Ripton, Sarah E. Everett, . . . . .	3 00
Royalton, . . . . .	32 00
Rupert, . . . . .	26 50
St. Albans, 1st, . . . . .	200 00

St. Johnsbury, North Congregational Church and Society, . . . . .	\$238 50
St. Johnsbury, South Congregational Church and Society, . . . . .	68 50
Sheldon, . . . . .	16 50
Shoreham, . . . . .	30 00
Springfield, . . . . .	92 30
Stowe, . . . . .	3 00
Strafford, individuals, . . . . .	3 00
Thetford, . . . . .	30 00
Townshend, . . . . .	58 00
Underhill, . . . . .	3 50
Wallingford, . . . . .	30 00
Waitsfield, . . . . .	25 00
Waterbury, . . . . .	100 00
Waterbury, J. G. Stinson, Esq., . . . . .	100 00
Wells River, . . . . .	40 00
West Brattleborough, . . . . .	56 00
West Charleston, . . . . .	18 00
West Rutland, . . . . .	65 00
West Townshend, a Friend, . . . . .	5 00
Weybridge, . . . . .	33 50
Williamstown, . . . . .	6 75
Wilmington, . . . . .	31 00
Windham, . . . . .	20 00
Woodstock, . . . . .	40 00
Worcester, . . . . .	11 35
Total, . . . . .	\$2,748 93

## MASSACHUSETTS.

Abington, 1st, . . . . .	\$125 00
Abington, North, . . . . .	6 90
Acton, Evangelical, . . . . .	33 50
Agawam, . . . . .	24 50
Amesbury (Village Church,) and Salisbury Mills, . . . . .	53 50
Amherst, 1st, . . . . .	94 77
Amherst, 2d, . . . . .	67 00
Andover, Free, . . . . .	317 95
Andover, South, . . . . .	263 00
Andover, Theological Seminary, . . . . .	244 12
Andover, Rev. Joseph Emerson, . . . . .	50 00
Andover, Mrs. Lydia B. Edwards, . . . . .	1 00
Andover, West Parish, . . . . .	162 06
Ashland, . . . . .	60 68
Ashburnham, 2d, . . . . .	10 53
Ashburnham, 1st, . . . . .	45 00
Athol, Evangelical, . . . . .	25 00
Ashby, . . . . .	136 50
Auburn, . . . . .	30 00
Auburndale, . . . . .	451 13
Barre, Evangelical, . . . . .	75 50
Becket, 1st, . . . . .	9 48
Bedford, Trin., . . . . .	22 43
Belchertown, . . . . .	35 00
Berkley, 1st, . . . . .	17 00
Berlin, . . . . .	51 30
Bernardston, . . . . .	8 60
Beverly, Dane Street, . . . . .	106 37
Beverly, 4th, . . . . .	43 50
Beverly, Washington Street, . . . . .	51 05
Billerica, . . . . .	25 00
Blandford Center, . . . . .	11 50
Boston, Old South, . . . . .	1,465 57
Boston, Shawmut, . . . . .	1,090 00
Boston, Mt. Vernon, . . . . .	1,437 42
Boston, Park Street, part, . . . . .	824 09
Boston, Central, . . . . .	525 00
Boston, Essex Street, . . . . .	341 90
Boston, Salem, . . . . .	200 10

Boston, Maverick, . . . . .	\$240 00	Feeding Hills, . . . . .	\$21 50
Boston, Berkeley Street, . . . . .	57 21	Fitchburg, . . . . .	380 00
Boston, Alpheus Hardy, . . . . .	100 00	Florence, . . . . .	200 00
Boston, Rev. H. B. Hooker, . . . . .	25 00	Florence, A. L. Williston, . . . . .	200 00
Boxborough, . . . . .	3 29	Foxborough, . . . . .	102 00
Boxford, 1st, . . . . .	78 75	Framingham, Hollis, . . . . .	325 00
Boylston, . . . . .	20 60	Franklin, 1st, . . . . .	125 00
Braintree, 1st Parish, . . . . .	64 00	Georgetown, Orthodox, . . . . .	19 01
Bridgewater, Central Square, . . . . .	75 00	Georgetown, 1st, . . . . .	42 68
Brighton, Evangelical, . . . . .	172 35	Georgetown, Sabbath School, . . . . .	13 00
Brimfield, . . . . .	32 00	Gloucester, Evangelical, . . . . .	103 24
Brookfield, Evangelical, . . . . .	140 00	Granby, . . . . .	100 00
Brookline, Harvard, . . . . .	622 00	Grantville, . . . . .	104 54
Buckland, . . . . .	35 18	Greenfield, . . . . .	16 80
Burlington, . . . . .	3 08	Greenfield, 2d, . . . . .	81 42
Cambridge, Shepard, . . . . .	180 10	Greenwich, . . . . .	15 00
Cambridge, Holmes, . . . . .	50 00	Groton Center, Union Church, . . . . .	125 00
Cambridgeport, Stearns Chapel, . . . . .	32 00	Groton Junction, . . . . .	46 00
Cambridgeport, 1st Evangelical, . . . . .	512 50	Groveland, . . . . .	42 00
Campello, . . . . .	92 00	Hadley, 1st, . . . . .	70 58
Canton, . . . . .	114 50	Hadley, Russell, . . . . .	37 81
Centerville, . . . . .	21 21	Halifax, . . . . .	17 00
Charlemont, . . . . .	12 50	Hamilton, . . . . .	51 00
Charlestown, Wm. Pierce, Esq., . . . . .	5 00	Hampshire County, a Friend, . . . . .	1,000 00
Charlestown, Winthrop Church, . . . . .	1,101 76	Hanover, 1st, . . . . .	5 50
Charlton, . . . . .	17 65	Hanover, 2d, . . . . .	19 00
Chatham, . . . . .	30 00	Hanson, . . . . .	8 00
Chelsea, Winnisimmet, . . . . .	1,050 68	Hardwick, . . . . .	27 50
Chelsea, Broadway, . . . . .	405 09	Hatfield, . . . . .	200 00
Chelsea, Miss M. I. Chittenden, . . . . .	3 00	Haverhill, North, . . . . .	200 04
Chicopee, 1st, . . . . .	59 75	Haverhill, Central, . . . . .	116 00
Chicopee, 2d, . . . . .	175 00	Haverhill, West, . . . . .	36 15
Chicopee, 3d, . . . . .	108 71	Heath, . . . . .	6 28
Clinton, 1st, . . . . .	211 31	Hingham, Evangelical, . . . . .	40 09
Cohasset, Beechwood, . . . . .	5 30	Holden, . . . . .	25 20
Cohasset, 2d, . . . . .	40 28	Holland, . . . . .	11 25
Concord, 2d, . . . . .	60 04	Holliston, 1st Evangelical, . . . . .	110 00
Conway, . . . . .	71 20	Holyoke, 1st, . . . . .	16 50
Cummington and Village, . . . . .	14 50	Holyoke, 2d, . . . . .	30 00
Curtisville, . . . . .	10 00	Hopkinton, 1st, . . . . .	80 00
Dana, . . . . .	12 50	Hubbardston, . . . . .	17 00
Danvers, 1st, . . . . .	51 65	Huntington, . . . . .	14 00
Danvers, Maple Street, . . . . .	60 00	Huntington, 1st, . . . . .	7 50
Danvers, Edwin A. Perry, . . . . .	5 00	Ipswich, 1st, . . . . .	104 00
Dedham, 1st, . . . . .	215 65	Kingston, . . . . .	21 50
Deerfield, Church and Sabbath Sch., . . . . .	35 00	Lancaster, . . . . .	86 70
Dighton, . . . . .	52 12	Lakeville, . . . . .	18 00
Dorchester, 2d, . . . . .	730 47	Lanesborough, . . . . .	12 00
Dorchester Village, . . . . .	172 52	Lawrence, Lawrence Street, . . . . .	187 81
Dorchester, J. F. P., . . . . .	10 00	Lawrence, Eliot, . . . . .	246 00
Douglas, 1st, . . . . .	12 25	Lawrence, Central, . . . . .	227 50
Dracut, Central, . . . . .	11 00	Lee, . . . . .	220 00
Dracut, West, . . . . .	25 00	Leicester, 1st, . . . . .	202 00
Dracut, 1st, . . . . .	14 50	Leominster, . . . . .	109 00
Dudley, . . . . .	25 60	Lincoln, 1st, . . . . .	63 18
Dunstable, . . . . .	23 00	Linebrook, . . . . .	4 20
East Abington, . . . . .	157 00	Littleton, Orthodox, . . . . .	43 25
East Bridgewater, Union, . . . . .	33 50	Longmeadow, . . . . .	75 00
East Cambridge, Evangelical, . . . . .	41 50	Lowell, Kirk Street, . . . . .	323 77
East Charlemont, . . . . .	38 80	Lowell, John Street, . . . . .	164 60
East Falmouth, . . . . .	30 00	Lowell, 1st Congregational Church, . . . . .	105 15
Easthampton, . . . . .	41 91	Lowell, Appleton Street, . . . . .	70 35
Easthampton, Payson, . . . . .	1,000 00	Lowell, High Street, . . . . .	100 00
East Longmeadow, . . . . .	38 50	Ludlow, . . . . .	11 10
East Taunton, . . . . .	10 00	Lynn, 1st, . . . . .	311 03
Edgartown, 1st Orthodox, . . . . .	54 00	Lynn, Central, . . . . .	125 04
Enfield, Benevolent Society, . . . . .	200 00	Lynn, Chesnut Street, . . . . .	6 50
Essex, 1st, . . . . .	100 00	Lynnfield, 2d, . . . . .	5 25
Fall River, Central, . . . . .	1,006 27	Lynnfield Center, . . . . .	12 78
Fall River, 1st, . . . . .	56 06	Malden, Trinitarian, . . . . .	102 14
Falmouth, 1st, . . . . .	92 70	Manchester, Rev. F. V. Tenny's, . . . . .	25 11
Falmouth, (Waquoit,) 2d, . . . . .	50 00	Manchester, Rev. E. P. Tenny's, . . . . .	25 00



Mansfield, Orthodox, . . . . .	\$30 38	Pittsfield, 1st, . . . . .	\$500 00
Marion, . . . . .	70 63	Pittsfield, Rev. E. Strong, D. D., . . . . .	5 00
Marlborough, Union, . . . . .	205 00	Pittsfield, Mrs. S. W. Morton, . . . . .	2 00
Marshfield, 1st, . . . . .	65 70	Plainfield, . . . . .	7 05
Medfield, 2d, . . . . .	20 00	Plymouth, 3d Ch. of the Pilgrimage, . . . . .	150 00
Medford, 1st Trinitarian, . . . . .	75 19	Plymouth, 4th, . . . . .	60 70
Medford, (Mystic,) . . . . .	147 00	Plymouth, 5th, . . . . .	10 00
Melrose, . . . . .	133 00	Plympton, . . . . .	7 00
Medway, 1st, . . . . .	68 64	Prescott, . . . . .	2 45
Medway, 2d, . . . . .	67 75	Princeton, . . . . .	67 25
Medway, (Vill'ge,) C. Partridge, Esq., . . . . .	5 00	Provincetown, . . . . .	20 50
Medway, (Village,) Cong. Church, . . . . .	35 32	Quincy, . . . . .	150 00
Methuen, 1st Parish, . . . . .	40 00	Randolph, 1st, . . . . .	137 78
Middleborough, 1st Parish, . . . . .	32 50	Randolph, Winthrop, . . . . .	32 21
Middleborough, Central, . . . . .	68 00	Raynham, . . . . .	16 18
Middlefield, 1st, . . . . .	82 00	Reading, Bethesda, . . . . .	283 00
Millford, . . . . .	100 00	Reading, Old South, . . . . .	23 00
Millbury, 1st, . . . . .	100 00	Rehoboth, . . . . .	52 50
Mittineague, . . . . .	30 00	Richmond, . . . . .	23 58
Monson, . . . . .	185 00	Rochester, . . . . .	9 16
Monson, Dea. A. W. Porter, . . . . .	450 00	Rockport, 1st, . . . . .	50 00
Montague, . . . . .	24 01	Rosindale, 1st, (West Roxbury,) . . . . .	3 33
Nahant, Rev. T. Atkinson, . . . . .	30 00	Rowley, . . . . .	19 00
Nahant, Miss H. P. Atkinson, . . . . .	10 00	Roxbury, Eliot, . . . . .	576 32
Nahant, Miss M. E. Atkinson, . . . . .	10 00	Roxbury, Vine Street, . . . . .	375 00
Nantucket, 1st, . . . . .	24 35	Royalston, . . . . .	95 50
Natick, 1st, . . . . .	77 75	Rutland, . . . . .	25 00
Neponset, . . . . .	25 00	Salem, Tabernacle, . . . . .	234 10
New Bedford, North, . . . . .	843 66	Salem, Crombie Street, . . . . .	130 00
New Bedford, Pacific, . . . . .	130 00	Salem, South, . . . . .	181 25
New Braintree, . . . . .	40 00	Salem, a Reader, . . . . .	1 00
Newbury, 1st, . . . . .	67 00	Salisbury, . . . . .	35 30
Newburyport, North, . . . . .	238 00	Saugus Center, . . . . .	20 00
Newburyport, Belleville, . . . . .	180 86	Saxtonville, Edwards, . . . . .	41 46
Newburyport, Whitefield, . . . . .	101 44	Scituate, . . . . .	16 73
Newburyport, a Friend, . . . . .	8 50	Scotland, . . . . .	10 55
Newton, 1st Cong. Ch. and Parish, . . . . .	365 00	Sharon, 1st, . . . . .	117 00
Newton Corner, Elliot, . . . . .	1,320 25	Sheffield, . . . . .	20 00
North Adams, . . . . .	73 00	Shelburne Falls, . . . . .	90 00
North Amherst, . . . . .	32 00	Shirley, . . . . .	21 00
Northampton, Edwards, . . . . .	106 92	Shrewsbury, . . . . .	73 00
Northampton, 1st Cong. Ch. and Par. . . . .	358 89	Somerset, . . . . .	6 00
North Becket, . . . . .	18 00	Somerville, 1st, . . . . .	170 40
Northborough, Evangelical, . . . . .	53 00	South Amherst, . . . . .	26 00
Northbridge Center, . . . . .	20 00	Southampton, 1st, . . . . .	27 00
North Bridgewater, 1st, . . . . .	111 44	Southborough, Pilgrim, . . . . .	50 00
North Bridgewater, Porter, . . . . .	76 00	Southborough, 2d, . . . . .	14 00
North Brookfield, 1st, . . . . .	118 35	South Boston, Phillips, . . . . .	433 65
North Brookfield, Union, . . . . .	36 60	Southbridge, . . . . .	18 00
North Carver, . . . . .	21 43	South Braintree, . . . . .	15 60
North Chelmsford, 2d, . . . . .	50 00	South Danvers, . . . . .	355 00
North Chelsea, . . . . .	12 20	South Dartmouth, . . . . .	30 00
North Hadley, . . . . .	105 00	South Dedham, . . . . .	36 00
North Middleborough, . . . . .	60 00	South Dennis, . . . . .	92 50
North Reading, . . . . .	12 00	South Egremont, . . . . .	11 75
North Somerville, Winter Hill Orth., . . . . .	34 28	South Hadley, 1st, . . . . .	125 12
North Weymouth, . . . . .	32 43	South Hadley Falls, (Knights,) . . . . .	18 00
North Weymouth, 1st, . . . . .	45 00	South Hadley Falls, Rev. S. J. M. . . . .	
Norton, . . . . .	31 63	Merwin, . . . . .	25 00
Oakham, . . . . .	13 00	South Malden, Three Friends, . . . . .	7 00
Orange, . . . . .	35 00	South Natick, John Eliot Cong. Ch., . . . . .	25 00
Orleans, . . . . .	33 91	South Plymouth, . . . . .	10 00
Oxford, 1st, . . . . .	200 00	South Reading, . . . . .	150 14
Palmer, 1st, . . . . .	50 00	South Royalston, . . . . .	23 36
Palmer, 2d, . . . . .	45 00	South Weymouth, Union, . . . . .	135 75
Paxton, . . . . .	20 50	Southwick, . . . . .	10 98
Pelham, Rev. R. D. Miller, . . . . .	50	Spencer, . . . . .	40 00
Pepperell, . . . . .	32 40	Springfield, 1st, . . . . .	175 05
Peru, 1st, . . . . .	2 50	Springfield, Sanford Street, . . . . .	5 00
Peru, . . . . .	23 90	Springfield, North, . . . . .	102 00
Petersham, . . . . .	10 00	Springfield, South, . . . . .	100 00
Phillipston, . . . . .	28 00	Springfield, Wm. L. Bemis, . . . . .	10 00

Stockbridge, Housatonic, . . . . .	\$16 75	Central Falls, . . . . .	\$118 02
Stoughton, . . . . .	76 50	Elmwood, . . . . .	35 00
Sunderland, . . . . .	65 86	Little Compton, United Ch. and Soc., . . . . .	21 00
Sudbury, Union, . . . . .	80 17	North Scituate, . . . . .	10 00
Taunton, 1st, . . . . .	49 19	Providence, Central, . . . . .	1,200 00
Taunton, Trinitarian Evangelical, . . . . .	246 79	Providence, High Street, . . . . .	1,122 49
Taunton, Winslow, . . . . .	103 00	Providence, Richmond Street, . . . . .	817 47
Templeton, . . . . .	36 80	Providence, Beneficent, . . . . .	735 75
Tewksbury, . . . . .	50 00	Providence, Dea. Josiah Chapin, . . . . .	100 00
Tolland, . . . . .	11 00	Pawtucket, . . . . .	154 75
Uxbridge, Evangelical, . . . . .	100 00	River Point, . . . . .	10 00
Walpole, Orthodox, . . . . .	70 00	Slaterville, . . . . .	28 30
Waltham, . . . . .	124 05	Tiverton, . . . . .	10 27
Ware, . . . . .	26 00	Seekonk and E. Providence, . . . . .	24 10
Ware, East, . . . . .	283 00	Westerly, . . . . .	67 00
Wareham, . . . . .	50 50		
Warren, . . . . .	311 50	Total, . . . . .	\$4,561 32
Washington, Union, . . . . .	6 39		
Watertown, Phillips, . . . . .	72 00		
Wayland, Trinitarian, . . . . .	80 00		
Webster, . . . . .	36 34		
Wellesley, 2d, . . . . .	42 00		
Wenham, . . . . .	45 00		
W. Amesbury, . . . . .	214 81		
W. Attleborough, . . . . .	23 00		
W. Barnstable and Cotuit, individ., . . . . .	26 32		
Westborough, Evangelical, . . . . .	110 00		
West Boxford, . . . . .	45 00		
West Boylston, . . . . .	26 80		
West Brookfield, . . . . .	43 00		
West Cambridge, . . . . .	131 00		
Westfield, 1st, . . . . .	96 68		
Westfield, 2d, . . . . .	100 78		
Westfield, Mrs. Charles Jessup, . . . . .	5 00		
Westford, . . . . .	15 00		
Westhampton, . . . . .	22 50		
Westminster, . . . . .	38 72		
West Newbury, 1st, . . . . .	15 56		
West Newbury, 2d, . . . . .	29 00		
West Newton, . . . . .	238 96		
West Newton, Sabbath School, . . . . .	15 51		
Westport, Pacific Union, . . . . .	25 00		
West Roxbury, South Evangelical, . . . . .	331 65		
West Stockbridge, . . . . .	26 50		
Weymouth, 2d, . . . . .	70 00		
Whately, . . . . .	20 00		
Whitinsville, . . . . .	568 50		
Williamsburg, . . . . .	86 50		
Williamstown, . . . . .	43 62		
Wilmington, . . . . .	50 01		
Winchendon, 1st, . . . . .	15 50		
Winchendon, North, . . . . .	105 18		
Winchester, . . . . .	321 73		
Windsor, . . . . .	5 05		
Woburn, 1st, . . . . .	558 58		
Woburn, North, . . . . .	10 00		
Worcester, 1st, . . . . .	161 40		
Worcester, Central, . . . . .	193 15		
Worcester, Union, . . . . .	502 08		
Worcester, Summer Street Chapel, . . . . .	30 00		
Worcester, Samuel C. Smith, Esq., . . . . .	20 00		
Worthington, . . . . .	22 20		
Wrentham, Rev. C. L. Mills, . . . . .	20 00		
Wrentham, Congregational Church, . . . . .	20 00		
Yarmouth, . . . . .	200 00		
Total, . . . . .	\$46,658 68		

## RHODE ISLAND.

Barrington, . . . . .	\$62 00		
Bristol, . . . . .	45 17		

## CONNECTICUT.

Abington, . . . . .	\$10 00		
Ansonia, 1st, . . . . .	38 35		
Barkhamsted, . . . . .	25 00		
Berlin, 2d, . . . . .	35 00		
Bethlehem, . . . . .	22 00		
Birmingham, . . . . .	163 53		
Bloomfield, . . . . .	11 50		
Bridgeport, 1st, . . . . .	54 75		
Bridgeport, 2d, . . . . .	173 50		
Bristol, . . . . .	42 00		
Bolton, . . . . .	6 00		
Branford, . . . . .	70 25		
Brookfield, . . . . .	27 84		
Canterbury, . . . . .	34 50		
Canton Center, . . . . .	42 00		
Center Brook, . . . . .	20 00		
Central Village, . . . . .	27 10		
Chaplin, . . . . .	5 00		
Chester, . . . . .	22 00		
Clinton, . . . . .	23 87		
Colchester, 1st, . . . . .	41 00		
Colebrook, . . . . .	17 18		
Collamer, . . . . .	35 00		
Collinsville, . . . . .	160 12		
Columbia, . . . . .	10 00		
Connecticut, A Friend, . . . . .	10 00		
Cromwell, . . . . .	80 00		
Danbury, 1st, . . . . .	100 00		
Danbury, 2d, . . . . .	21 25		
Darien Depot, . . . . .	10 00		
Deep River, . . . . .	19 33		
Derby, 1st, . . . . .	80 00		
East Avon, . . . . .	24 00		
Eastford, . . . . .	11 50		
East Hartford, . . . . .	34 18		
East Haven, . . . . .	21 70		
East Lyme, . . . . .	14 00		
East Woodstock, . . . . .	13 29		
Easton, . . . . .	22 00		
Ellsworth, . . . . .	5 20		
Ellington, . . . . .	26 38		
Essex, 1st, . . . . .	46 50		
Fair Haven, 1st, . . . . .	50 00		
Fair Haven, 2d, . . . . .	35 40		
Falls Village, . . . . .	9 25		
Farmington, . . . . .	104 63		
Glastenbury, . . . . .	71 25		
Greenville, . . . . .	5 00		
Greenwich, 1st, . . . . .	17 20		
Groton, 1st, . . . . .	54 72		
Griswold, . . . . .	41 00		
Guilford, 1st, . . . . .	88 42		

Hadlyme, . . . . .	\$10 00	Old Lyme, . . . . .	\$24 50
Hampton, . . . . .	40 00	Old Saybrook, . . . . .	33 00
Hartford, Center, . . . . .	722 00	Orange, . . . . .	25 00
Hartford, Pearl Street, . . . . .	517 61	Oxford, . . . . .	18 25
Hartford, South, . . . . .	587 56	Oxford, a Friend, . . . . .	1 00
Hartford, 4th, . . . . .	180 00	Plainville, . . . . .	78 00
Hartford, Asylum Hill, . . . . .	152 00	Plantsville, . . . . .	54 00
Hartford, North, . . . . .	91 08	Pomfret, 1st, . . . . .	46 88
Hartford, 5th, (colored,) . . . . .	3 30	Pomfret, G. H. Williams, Esq., . . . . .	1 00
Hartford, Rev. J. S. Skeele, . . . . .	5 00	Prospect, . . . . .	8 34
Hartford, James Cooley, . . . . .	70	Putnam, . . . . .	106 00
Hartland, . . . . .	10 00	Ridgefield, 1st, . . . . .	36 00
Harwinton, . . . . .	50 00	Rockville, 2d, . . . . .	440 23
Higganum, . . . . .	13 15	Rockville, 1st, . . . . .	500 00
Huntington, . . . . .	10 16	Rocky Hill, . . . . .	12 00
Jewett City, . . . . .	15 95	Roxbury, Cong'l Ch. and Soc., . . . . .	95 60
Killingworth, . . . . .	21 75	Salisbury, . . . . .	170 19
Lebanon, 1st, . . . . .	100 00	Sherman, . . . . .	17 00
Lebanon, Exeter, . . . . .	6 55	Somers, . . . . .	30 00
Litchfield Corners, . . . . .	15 00	South Britain, . . . . .	19 50
Long Ridge, S. Scofield, . . . . .	5 00	Southbury, . . . . .	23 00
Long Ridge, A Friend, . . . . .	1 00	South Canaan, . . . . .	5 00
Lyme, Grassy Hill Church, . . . . .	17 00	South Coventry, (Village,) . . . . .	30 00
Madison, 1st, . . . . .	43 66	South Norwalk, . . . . .	107 20
Manchester, Center, . . . . .	52 72	Southport, . . . . .	102 10
Mansfield, Center, . . . . .	30 00	South Windsor, 1st, . . . . .	25 20
Mansfield, North, . . . . .	16 25	South Windsor, 2d, . . . . .	10 25
Meriden, 1st, . . . . .	546 00	Sprague, . . . . .	20 00
Meriden, Center, . . . . .	32 50	Stafford Springs, . . . . .	63 00
Middlebury, . . . . .	37 00	Stamford, 1st, . . . . .	218 00
Middlebury, Ben. Society, . . . . .	17 75	Stonington, 1st, . . . . .	25 00
Middlefield, . . . . .	20 15	Stonington, 2d, . . . . .	75 00
Middletown, 1st, . . . . .	140 75	Stratford, . . . . .	54 00
Middletown, 4th, . . . . .	8 00	Thomaston, . . . . .	91 00
Middletown, South, . . . . .	58 00	Terryville, . . . . .	194 76
Milford, 1st Cong'l Ch. and Parish, . . . . .	130 00	Thompson, . . . . .	25 00
Milford, Plymouth, . . . . .	73 10	Trumbull, . . . . .	16 15
Milton, . . . . .	15 00	Vernon, . . . . .	171 60
Monroe, . . . . .	30 00	Wallingford, . . . . .	81 62
Montville, . . . . .	7 35	Waterbury, 1st Cong'l Ch. and Par., . . . . .	300 15
Mt. Carmel, . . . . .	15 84	Waterbury, 2d, . . . . .	416 41
Mystic Bridge, . . . . .	42 00	Watertown, . . . . .	56 68
Naugatuck, . . . . .	61 00	Warren, . . . . .	40 00
New Britain, 1st, . . . . .	100 00	Weatogue, . . . . .	34 83
New Britain, South, . . . . .	117 53	West Avon, . . . . .	11 63
New Britain, a Friend, . . . . .	2 00	West Hartford, . . . . .	228 05
New Fairfield, . . . . .	12 00	West Killingly, . . . . .	20 00
New Hartford, North, . . . . .	62 50	West Meriden, 1st Cong'l Ch. & Soc., . . . . .	75 00
New Haven, 1st, . . . . .	698 11	West Stafford, . . . . .	12 10
New Haven, North, . . . . .	635 51	West Suffield, . . . . .	6 45
New Haven, Chapel Street, . . . . .	262 75	West Woodstock, . . . . .	8 00
New Haven, College Street Church, . . . . .	156 33	Weston, . . . . .	19 60
New Haven, College Church, . . . . .	55 00	Westville, . . . . .	50 00
New Haven, Howe Street, . . . . .	100 00	Wethersfield, 1st, . . . . .	28 00
New Haven, Davenport, . . . . .	42 45	Willimantic, . . . . .	86 00
New Haven, Lewis Chaplin, . . . . .	50 00	Willington, . . . . .	5 00
New Haven, J. M. B. Dwight, . . . . .	15 00	Wilton, E. O., . . . . .	5 00
New Haven, Rev. John G. Baird, . . . . .	5 00	Winchester Center, . . . . .	20 15
New London, 1st Cong'l Ch. & Par., . . . . .	398 46	Windham, . . . . .	30 00
New London, 2d Cong'l Church, . . . . .	720 73	Windsor, 1st, . . . . .	30 30
New Milford, 1st Cong'l Church, . . . . .	68 62	Windsor Locks, . . . . .	115 00
New Preston, . . . . .	25 50	Winsted, 1st, . . . . .	22 00
Newtown, . . . . .	12 00	Woodbury, . . . . .	36 43
Norfolk, . . . . .	63 18	Woodbridge, . . . . .	33 27
North Cornwall, . . . . .	41 00	Woodstock, . . . . .	36 00
North Haven, . . . . .	50 00		
North Manchester, . . . . .	21 18		
North Stamford, . . . . .	4 60		
North Stonington, . . . . .	110 00		
Norwich, 1st, . . . . .	228 29		
Norwich, 2d, . . . . .	1,520 00		
Norwich, Broadway, . . . . .	1,534 75		
		Total, . . . . .	\$17,978 48
		NEW YORK.	
		Albany, 1st, . . . . .	\$131 00
		Albany, Rev. David Dyer, . . . . .	10 00

Altona, . . . . .	\$10 00	N. York City, Rev. M. Badger, D.D.,	\$1 00
Antwerp, . . . . .	36 75	New York City, Rev. T. Baldwin, .	1 00
Asbville, . . . . .	13 84	New York City, Rev. S. S. Jocelyn,	3 50
Barryville, . . . . .	10 00	New York City, Friends, . . . . .	25 00
Berkshire, A. P. Belcher, . . . . .	10 00	Niagara Falls, Rev. Thos. Doggett,	5 00
Binghampton, . . . . .	32 00	North Collins, . . . . .	11 00
Bridgewater, . . . . .	21 00	North-East Center, . . . . .	21 00
Brockport, "A strong Congrega- tionist," . . . . .	10 00	North Evans, . . . . .	11 10
Brooklyn, Central Cong. Church, . . . . .	387 40	North Lawrence, . . . . .	3 00
Brooklyn, New England, . . . . .	335 50	North Pitcher, . . . . .	16 00
Brooklyn, Clinton Avenue, . . . . .	3,793 06	North Potsdam, Rev. P. Montague,	2 00
Brooklyn, Church of Pilgrims, part, . . . . .	1,499 77	Northville, . . . . .	30 00
Brooklyn, Plymouth Church, part, . . . . .	8,694 00	Norwich, 1st, . . . . .	180 00
Brooklyn, South Congregational, . . . . .	389 53	Oswego, . . . . .	83 22
Brooklyn, State Street, . . . . .	101 10	Otto, . . . . .	60 00
Canandaigua, 1st, . . . . .	135 22	Penn Yan, Charles S. Sheppard, . . . . .	50 00
Center Lisle, . . . . .	28 20	Perry Center, a Friend, . . . . .	2 00
Cincinnati, . . . . .	25 00	Paris, . . . . .	27 50
Columbus, . . . . .	18 28	Parishville, . . . . .	9 00
Commack, . . . . .	5 00	Patchogue, . . . . .	10 00
Cortlandville, Dr. D. Clark, . . . . .	5 00	Poughkeepsie, . . . . .	92 00
Croton, . . . . .	6 00	Remsen, Welsh, . . . . .	70 00
Crown Point, 1st, . . . . .	76 00	Riga, Cong. Sabbath School, . . . . .	7 00
Crown Point, 2d, . . . . .	12 00	Rochester, Plymouth, . . . . .	100 00
Deer River, . . . . .	30 00	Rome, Welsh, . . . . .	3 00
Deerfield, Welsh, . . . . .	12 00	Rushville, . . . . .	20 00
East Evans, . . . . .	3 08	Saratoga Springs, 1st, . . . . .	113 60
Eaton, . . . . .	31 00	Saugerties, Forefathers, . . . . .	25 00
Evans Center, . . . . .	5 50	Sayville, . . . . .	10 00
Fairport, . . . . .	34 60	Schenectady, 1st, . . . . .	12 25
Fishkill, Kate P. Fowler, . . . . .	15 00	Sherman, . . . . .	45 00
Floyd, Welsh, . . . . .	10 00	Sinclairville, . . . . .	11 50
Franklin, . . . . .	41 00	Smyrna, . . . . .	15 70
Fredonia, Martha L. Stevens, . . . . .	2 00	South Colton, . . . . .	1 64
Frewsburg, . . . . .	7 16	Spencerport, . . . . .	9 65
Gainesville, Rev. J. Cunningham, . . . . .	5 00	Strykersville, . . . . .	20 00
Gloversville, in part, . . . . .	183 42	Syracuse, Plymouth, . . . . .	69 34
Gosport, Mission Sabbath School, . . . . .	12 00	Syracuse, Plymouth Sab. School, . . . . .	10 00
Greene, . . . . .	14 90	Tarrytown, Charles Bowen, Esq., . . . . .	10 00
Grand Island, . . . . .	6 50	Thompson's Station, . . . . .	5 50
Groton, . . . . .	15 29	Upper Jay, . . . . .	3 50
Hamilton, 2d, . . . . .	10 00	Upper Aquebogue, . . . . .	7 75
Hammond and Morristown, . . . . .	6 00	Utica, Welsh, . . . . .	20 00
Harlem, 1st, . . . . .	211 36	Verona, R. Sage and E. Day, . . . . .	22 00
Hollywood, . . . . .	2 88	Wading River, . . . . .	9 20
Homer, . . . . .	250 00	Walton, . . . . .	70 00
Hopkinton, . . . . .	11 00	Waterville, Welsh, . . . . .	40 00
Howells, . . . . .	22 20	Watertown, Miss P. F. Hubbard, . . . . .	5 00
Jamesport, . . . . .	6 10	Wick, . . . . .	2 48
Jamestown, . . . . .	56 72	Winfield, . . . . .	31 00
Lawrenceville, . . . . .	25 58	Wilmington, . . . . .	4 00
Lenox, Rev. Wm. B. Hammond, . . . . .	5 00	West Greene, . . . . .	5 00
Lisbon, 1st, . . . . .	45 22	Wellsville, 1st Cong. Church, . . . . .	22 77
Knoxborough, a Friend, . . . . .	1 50	Summer Hill, Mrs. L. M. Ranney, . . . . .	2 00
Lockport, . . . . .	75 00		
Lumberland, . . . . .	30 28	Total, . . . . .	\$22,832 80
Madison, . . . . .	18 00		
Mannsville, . . . . .	18 00		
Marshall, . . . . .	2 00		
Meredith, . . . . .	8 00		
Middletown, . . . . .	65 00		
Millville, . . . . .	5 00		
Moriah, . . . . .	11 00		
Moriah, "Dispersed," . . . . .	10 00		
Morrisania, 1st Cong. Church, . . . . .	72 13		
Morrisville, 1st, . . . . .	27 04		
Mount Sinai, . . . . .	20 38		
New Village, . . . . .	8 00		
New Lebanon, . . . . .	39 00		
Nelson, Welsh, . . . . .	20 44		
New York City, Broad'y Taber'cle, 4,078 67			

## NEW JERSEY.

Chester, . . . . .	\$23 50
Orange, Orange Val. Cong. Church, . . . . .	287 52
Princeton, Rev. George Hood, . . . . .	7 00
Montclair, "New Englanders," . . . . .	693 66
Newark, 1st Cong. Church, . . . . .	391 53
Vineland, . . . . .	1 00

Total, . . . . . \$1,404 21

## PENNSYLVANIA.

Blossburg, . . . . .	\$18 70
Blossburg, Union Sabbath School, . . . . .	4 00



Conneaut, . . . . .	\$20 00
Erie, Wm. H. Catlin, . . . . .	3 00
Franklin, . . . . .	7 50
Le Raysville, . . . . .	20 00
Meadville, G. D. Delamater, . . . . .	100 00
Minersville, Welsh, . . . . .	12 00
Morris Run, . . . . .	11 00
Pittsburg, Plymouth, . . . . .	100 00
Pittsburg, Welsh, . . . . .	54 00
Philadelphia, Central, . . . . .	300 00
Pottersville, . . . . .	6 00
Prentice Vale, . . . . .	4 00
Providence, Welsh, . . . . .	40 00
Randolph, . . . . .	30 50

Total, . . . . . \$730 70

## DELAWARE.

Canterbury, . . . . .	\$5 00
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## MARYLAND.

Baltimore, 1st Cong. Church, . . . . .	\$101 09
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## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington, 1st Cong. Church, . . . . .	\$85 87
Washington, B. P. Davis, . . . . .	5 00

Total, . . . . . \$90 87

## OHIO.

Ashtabula, . . . . .	\$28 21
Austintown, . . . . .	22 00
Belpre, . . . . .	50 00
Berea, . . . . .	1 40
Berlin Heights, . . . . .	13 00
Brighton, . . . . .	6 60
Bronson, . . . . .	6 00
Brownhelm, . . . . .	29 75
Brown Township, Welsh, . . . . .	17 00
Cincinnati, 1st, . . . . .	1,000 00
Cincinnati, "Enthusiastic Congrega-	
tionalist of small means," . . . . .	2 00
Claridon, . . . . .	18 00
Clarksfield, . . . . .	3 25
Cleveland, Plymouth, . . . . .	300 31
Cleveland, 1st, . . . . .	247 50
Columbus, 1st, . . . . .	114 42
Cuyahoga Falls, . . . . .	10 00
Dayton, . . . . .	23 61
Delaware, Welsh, . . . . .	50 00
Delaware, Troedrihwdalar, . . . . .	75 25
Dover, . . . . .	10 00
Edgerton, . . . . .	5 00
East Cleveland, . . . . .	58 00
Fearing, . . . . .	20 53
Four Corners, . . . . .	59 70
Franklin, . . . . .	12 65
Freedom, 1st, . . . . .	7 00
Geneva, . . . . .	41 00
Gomer, . . . . .	100 00
Guilford, 1st, . . . . .	7 20
Gustavus, . . . . .	5 00
Hampden, . . . . .	12 00
Harmar, . . . . .	600 00
Huntsburg, . . . . .	15 00
Kelloggsville, . . . . .	27 05
Kent, . . . . .	12 65

Kingston Center, Olive Green, . . . . .	\$7 00
Lawrence, . . . . .	14 47
Little Muskingum, . . . . .	7 50
Lowell, . . . . .	10 00
Madison, Central, . . . . .	66 10
McConnellsville, Alfred Wilkin, Esq., . . . . .	10 00
Mansfield, . . . . .	440 80
Marietta, 1st, . . . . .	300 00
Marietta Township, . . . . .	15 00
Marysville, . . . . .	17 40
Middlebury, . . . . .	15 15
Middlefield, appropriation refunded, . . . . .	150 00
Newbury, a Lady, . . . . .	5 00
North and South Amherst, . . . . .	12 00
North Bloomfield, Wm. Savage, . . . . .	5 00
North Fairfield, 1st, . . . . .	9 00
Norwalk, "Dispersed," . . . . .	6 00
Oak Hill, . . . . .	19 74
Oberlin, 1st, . . . . .	45 94
Oberlin, 2d, . . . . .	44 69
Painesville, . . . . .	100 00
Penfield, . . . . .	10 00
Perry, Siloam, Welsh, . . . . .	7 50
Pittsfield, . . . . .	18 50
Randolph, . . . . .	20 00
Ravenna, . . . . .	27 98
Rootstown, . . . . .	34 12
Sandusky, . . . . .	26 00
Springfield, 1st, . . . . .	25 00
Springfield, . . . . .	5 00
Sylvania, N. H. Huling, . . . . .	1 00
Tallmadge, Tallmadge Ben. Soc., . . . . .	46 00
Twinsburg, . . . . .	6 00
Wakeman, . . . . .	23 00
Wauseon, 1st, . . . . .	44 75
Wellington, . . . . .	12 00
West Farmington, . . . . .	7 20
West Mill Grove, . . . . .	4 00
Weymouth, 1st, . . . . .	38 50
Toledo, Miss Mary E. Horton, . . . . .	5 00
Vermillion, . . . . .	10 25

Total, . . . . . \$4,683 67

## INDIANA.

Francisco, Congregational Church, . . . . .	\$4 00
Indianapolis, Plymouth, . . . . .	85 00
Marshall and South and West Vigo, . . . . .	10 00
Michigan City, Rev. H. H. Morgan, . . . . .	5 00
Ontario, Congregational Church, . . . . .	25 78
Rome Station, Congregational Ch., . . . . .	20 00
Terre Haute, 1st Cong. Church, . . . . .	35 20
West Chester, Cong. Church, . . . . .	32 00
Wolcottville, Jonathan Law, . . . . .	5 00

Total, . . . . . \$221 98

## ILLINOIS.

Albion, Trin. Cong. Church, . . . . .	\$7 50
Amboy, . . . . .	13 50
Arispe, H. N. Morris, . . . . .	10 00
Atkinson, . . . . .	12 65
Atlanta, . . . . .	25 60
Aurora, 1st, . . . . .	195 16
Avon, . . . . .	15 45
Barry, Reuben Shipman, Esq., . . . . .	50 00
Batavia, . . . . .	37 23
Beardstown, . . . . .	25 00
Bloomington, . . . . .	12 00
Blue Island, . . . . .	10 00



New Hudson, . . . . .	\$3 66
Olivet, . . . . .	41 57
Otsego, . . . . .	3 00
Owosso, . . . . .	21 00
Pinckney, . . . . .	20 00
Pontiac, . . . . .	15 06
Port Huron, . . . . .	105 25
Raisinville, . . . . .	5 00
Rochester, Mrs. E. P. Harris, . . . . .	1 00
Romeo, . . . . .	40 00
Saint Clair, . . . . .	26 50
Saint Johns, . . . . .	47 00
Saint Johns, Rev. Rufus Apthorp, . . . . .	1 50
Saugatuck, . . . . .	11 50
Shiawassee, Mrs. L. S. Lyman, . . . . .	2 00
Somerseset, . . . . .	20 00
South Boston, . . . . .	5 80
Summit, . . . . .	9 34
Vermontville, . . . . .	26 75
Victor, . . . . .	3 70
Vienna, . . . . .	28 71
Wacousta, . . . . .	5 00
Waukegan, . . . . .	20 00
Wayland, . . . . .	6 70

Total, . . . . . \$2,046 11

## WISCONSIN.

Allen's Grove, . . . . .	\$6 00
Arena, . . . . .	18 35
Beloit, 1st, . . . . .	94 00
Berlin, . . . . .	18 00
Black Earth, . . . . .	12 00
Blake's Prairie, . . . . .	16 20
Bristol and Paris, . . . . .	17 50
Brodhead, . . . . .	8 00
Clinton, . . . . .	12 00
Delavan, . . . . .	30 00
Elkhorn, . . . . .	5 00
Emerald Grove, . . . . .	5 50
Evansville, . . . . .	5 00
Fond du Lac, . . . . .	31 95
Fort Howard, . . . . .	12 00
Fox Lake, . . . . .	11 50
Fulton, . . . . .	9 15
Genoa, . . . . .	17 40
Hartford, . . . . .	33 00
Ironton, . . . . .	7 50
Janesville, . . . . .	100 00
Kenosha, . . . . .	41 25
Lancaster, . . . . .	12 50
Leeds, . . . . .	7 70
Madison, . . . . .	108 90
Mill Creek, . . . . .	5 00
Milwaukee, Astor Street Church, . . . . .	5 00
Milwaukee, Plymouth, . . . . .	209 18
Milwaukee, 2d, . . . . .	63 20
Neenah, E. B. Ranney, . . . . .	5 00
New Chester, . . . . .	5 30
New London, . . . . .	2 65
Oak Grove, . . . . .	16 13
Oconomowoc, . . . . .	35 00
Oshkosh, Welsh, . . . . .	17 40
Palmyra, . . . . .	5 00
Plattville, . . . . .	33 40
Plymouth, . . . . .	5 00
Prairie du Chien, . . . . .	6 00
Prescott, 1st, . . . . .	7 00
Raymond, Dea. Gurdon Judson, . . . . .	40 00
Reedsburg, . . . . .	32 50
Richmond, . . . . .	7 60

Ripon, . . . . .	\$53 20
River Falls, . . . . .	23 30
Rosendale, . . . . .	5 00
Sheboygan, . . . . .	20 00
Sheboygan Falls, . . . . .	9 00
Shopiere, . . . . .	10 00
Sparta, 1st, . . . . .	12 45
Stirling, . . . . .	10 00
Stockbridge, 1st Church, . . . . .	21 00
Watertown, . . . . .	36 37
Waukesha, . . . . .	16 57
Waupun, . . . . .	16 15
Wauwatosa, . . . . .	24 47
West Eau Claire, . . . . .	35 00
Westfield, . . . . .	5 50
West Salem, . . . . .	26 00
Whitewater, . . . . .	34 00

Total, . . . . . \$1,503 77

## MINNESOTA.

Afton, 1st, . . . . .	\$10 00
Anoka, . . . . .	15 50
Austin, . . . . .	10 25
Clearwater, . . . . .	6 00
Cottage Grove, . . . . .	13 00
Elgin, . . . . .	3 70
Excelsior, . . . . .	27 60
Faribault, Plymouth, . . . . .	50 00
Glencoe, . . . . .	10 00
Guilford, . . . . .	3 75
Lake City, . . . . .	25 00
Mantorville, . . . . .	6 25
Mazeppa, . . . . .	7 00
Minneapolis, Plymouth, . . . . .	154 30
Northfield, . . . . .	57 75
Owatonna, . . . . .	6 00
Plainview, . . . . .	16 30
Preston, . . . . .	13 00
Rochester, . . . . .	13 50
Rushford, . . . . .	11 00
St. Anthony, . . . . .	22 50
Sterling, . . . . .	10 00
Warren, . . . . .	5 00
Wasioja, . . . . .	7 00
Winnebago City, . . . . .	5 00
Winona, . . . . .	68 50
Zumbrota, . . . . .	20 00

Total, . . . . . \$602 90

## IOWA.

A Friend, . . . . .	\$5 00
Algona, . . . . .	15 00
Almoral, . . . . .	5 00
Ames, . . . . .	4 00
Big Rock, . . . . .	10 00
Bentonsport, . . . . .	54 25
Brighton, . . . . .	15 00
Bristol, Rev. Ozias Littlefield and wife, . . . . .	6 00
Burlington, . . . . .	71 10
Civil Bend, . . . . .	1 60
Charles City, . . . . .	17 00
Clay, . . . . .	10 10
Colesburg, . . . . .	7 00
Council Bluff, . . . . .	10 00
Crawfordsville, . . . . .	5 00
Danville, . . . . .	10 00
Davenport, German Evan., . . . . .	5 00

Davenport, Edwards Church, . . . . .	\$79 20	Geneva, . . . . .	\$20 00
Decorah, . . . . .	50 00	Grasshopper Falls, . . . . .	11 00
Denmark, . . . . .	90 00	Highland and Troy, . . . . .	18 00
Dewitt, . . . . .	20 00	Kanwaka, . . . . .	2 50
Dubuque, . . . . .	115 30	Lawrence, Plymouth, . . . . .	75 00
Durant, . . . . .	12 00	Lawrence, 2d, . . . . .	25 00
Earlville, . . . . .	8 00	Leavenworth, . . . . .	100 00
East Fayette, . . . . .	1 55	Manhattan, . . . . .	25 00
Eddyville, . . . . .	50 00	Osawatomie, . . . . .	10 00
Fairfax, . . . . .	21 25	Quindaro, . . . . .	6 00
Fairfield, . . . . .	35 00	Topeka, 1st, . . . . .	65 32
Farmington, . . . . .	5 00	Wabauensee, . . . . .	50 00
Franklin, . . . . .	3 60	Wakarusa, . . . . .	3 50
Garnaville, . . . . .	5 20	Zeandale, sale of church property, . . . . .	34 00
Green Mountain, . . . . .	8 00		
Grinnell, . . . . .	100 00	Total, . . . . .	\$502 32
Grove City, . . . . .	8 85		
Hillsboro', . . . . .	3 00	NEBRASKA.	
Inland, . . . . .	5 00	Fremont, . . . . .	\$6 00
Iowa Falls and Alden, . . . . .	30 00	Fontanelle, 1st, . . . . .	10 25
Keosauqua, . . . . .	20 00	Nebraska City, . . . . .	56 60
Lansing, . . . . .	15 60	Omaha, . . . . .	6 00
Le Claire, . . . . .	3 00		
Lewis, . . . . .	15 00	Total, . . . . .	\$78 85
Lyons, . . . . .	80 00		
Marion, . . . . .	15 60	COLORADO.	
Manchester, . . . . .	13 50	Boulder Valley, . . . . .	\$33 65
Mason City, . . . . .	20 00	Central City, . . . . .	92 00
McGregor, . . . . .	70 30		
Mitchell, . . . . .	30 92	Total, . . . . .	\$125 65
Monona, . . . . .	12 00		
Monroe, . . . . .	20 00	CALIFORNIA.*	
Mount Pleasant, . . . . .	32 50	Copperopolis, . . . . .	\$10 00
Muscatine, . . . . .	200 00	Mendocino, a Friend, . . . . .	5 00
New Hampton, . . . . .	5 00		
New Liberty, . . . . .	5 00	Total, . . . . .	\$15 00
New Oregon, . . . . .	13 00		
Newton, 1st, . . . . .	90 00	OREGON.	
Onawa, . . . . .	7 45	Oregon City, . . . . .	\$30 00
Orford, . . . . .	8 00	Portland, . . . . .	25 50
Orleans, . . . . .	7 00		
Oskaloosa, . . . . .	89 75	Total, . . . . .	\$55 50
Oskaloosa, Welsh, . . . . .	3 05		
Pacific City, . . . . .	6 00	TENNESSEE.	
Plymouth, Plymouth, . . . . .	25 00	Memphis, Union Church, . . . . .	\$85 00
Sabula, . . . . .	5 00		
Sherrill's Mound, German, . . . . .	16 25	SOUTH CAROLINA.	
Sioux City, . . . . .	10 00	Beaufort, John Conant, . . . . .	\$2 50
Stacyville, . . . . .	21 08		
Tabor, . . . . .	35 35	FROM SUNDRY SOURCES.	
Tipton, . . . . .	17 35	Unknown, . . . . .	\$15 00
Toledo, . . . . .	26 90	Charlotteville, P. Edw'ds I., C. Hall, . . . . .	20 00
Waukon, . . . . .	5 00	Philipopolis, Turkey, Rev. J. F. and	
Wayne, . . . . .	23 00	Mrs. Clark, . . . . .	10 00
Washington, . . . . .	20 00	Ahmednuggur, India, Rev. H. J.	
Webster City, . . . . .	5 00	Bruce, . . . . .	25 00
Yankee Settlement, . . . . .	8 00	Ahmednuggur, Ind., C. H. & A. H., . . . . .	28 00
Total, . . . . .	\$1,902 60	Total, . . . . .	\$98 00
MISSOURI.		OTHER RECEIPTS.	
Hannibal, 1st, . . . . .	\$100 00	Balance of funds from Nat'l Council, . . . . .	\$68 71
Memphis, . . . . .	10 00	Sale of Year Books, . . . . .	4 50
New Cambria, Welsh, . . . . .	8 00	Int. on Funds in Treasury, . . . . .	617 19
St. Louis, 1st Trinitarian, . . . . .	1,000 00		
		Total, . . . . .	\$690 40
Total, . . . . .	\$1,118 00		
KANSAS.		Total Receipts for the year ending May 1, 1866, . . . . .	\$123,216 06
Albany, . . . . .	\$21 00		
Atchison, 1st, . . . . .	33 00		
Council Grove, . . . . .	5 00		

\* See California, next page.



## CALIFORNIA.

Antioch, . . . . .	\$2 50	Oroville, . . . . .	\$5 10
Benicia, . . . . .	13 05	Petaluma, . . . . .	35 00
Cache Creek, . . . . .	70	Redwood City, . . . . .	25 00
Clayton, . . . . .	14 50	Sacramento, . . . . .	78 00
Coloma, . . . . .	8 10	San Francisco, 1st, . . . . .	210 00
Downieville, . . . . .	25 50	San Francisco, 2d, . . . . .	50 00
Dutch Flat, . . . . .	20 00	San Francisco, 3d, . . . . .	50 00
El Dorado, . . . . .	1 50	San Francisco, 4th, . . . . .	13 40
Eureka, . . . . .	25 00	San Mateo, . . . . .	10 00
Folsom, . . . . .	5 65	Santa Cruz, . . . . .	31 30
Grass Valley, . . . . .	25 00	Somerville, . . . . .	5 46
Haywood, . . . . .	4 05		
Lockford, . . . . .	30 00	27 churches, (coin,) . . . . .	*\$855 80
Mokelumne Hill, . . . . .	1 00		
Nevada, . . . . .	16 00		
Oakland, . . . . .	150 00		

## WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

White Salmon, (currency,) . . . \$82 00

\* The above is subject to the order of our Treasurer, to be disbursed in California, but has not been forwarded to New York and does not thus appear in the Treasurer's account.

## SUMMARY OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

*The American Congregational Union in account with N. A. CALKINS, Treas.*

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May 1, 1866. To appropriation paid to Congregational Church—

At Patten, Maine, . . . . .	\$500 00	
Presque Isle, Maine, . . . . .	350 00	
Rumford, Maine, . . . . .	400 00	
		\$1,250 00
At Somerset, Massachusetts, . . . . .		450 00
Flatbush, New York, . . . . .	\$100 00	
Jamesville, New York, . . . . .	150 00	
Grand Island, New York, . . . . .	400 00	
Turin, New York, . . . . .	200 00	
		850 00
At Grand Ledge, Michigan, . . . . .	\$250 00	
Keeler, Michigan, . . . . .	300 00	
Lawrence, Michigan, . . . . .	500 00	
Olivet, Michigan, . . . . .	450 00	
		1,500 00
At Bloomfield, Wisconsin, . . . . .	\$400 00	
Grand Rapids, Wisconsin, . . . . .	400 00	
Princeton, Wisconsin, . . . . .	100 00	
		900 00
At Blue Island, Illinois, . . . . .	\$400 00	
Prairie City, Illinois, . . . . .	500 00	
Paxton, Illinois, . . . . .	500 00	
Lacon, Illinois, . . . . .	500 00	
Sycamore, Illinois, . . . . .	300 00	
Amboy, Illinois, . . . . .	300 00	
		2,500 00

At Davenport, Iowa, . . . . .	\$500 00	
Cedar Falls, Iowa, . . . . .	300 00	
Dewitt, Iowa, . . . . .	500 00	
Lewis, Iowa, . . . . .	500 00	
Iowa Falls, Iowa, . . . . .	400 00	
Waverly, Iowa, . . . . .	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,700 00
At East Prairieville, Minnesota, . . . . .		350 00
Bevier, Missouri, . . . . .		500 00
Cache Creek, California, . . . . .		400 00
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, . . . . .	\$4,500 00	
New Orleans, Louisiana, . . . . .	23,500 00	
Baltimore, Maryland, . . . . .	7,000 00	
Newbern, North Carolina, . . . . .	3,200 00	
Kansas City, Missouri, . . . . .	500 00	
Washington, D. C., . . . . .	13,550 00	
	<hr/>	52,250 00
To salaries Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and		
Treasurer and Clerks, . . . . .	\$3,925 00	
travelling expenses Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and		
Special Agent, . . . . .	538 38	
postage, revenue stamps, stationery, advertising annual		
reports and incidental expenses, . . . . .	597 19	
discount on uncurrent funds, expenses of collection and coun-		
terfeits, . . . . .	120 62	
Rent of office, . . . . .	253 00	
Subscriptions to "Congregational Quarterly,"* . . . . .	43 50	
	<hr/>	5,477 69
Total disbursements, . . . . .		\$69,127 69
Amount pledged to forty churches, . . . . .	\$39,500 00	
Unappropriated balance in treasury, . . . . .	27,619 18	
	<hr/>	67,119 18
		\$136,246 87

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May 1, 1866. By balance in treasury, May 1, 1865, . . . . .	\$13,030 81	
By contributions received—		
From Maine, . . . . .	\$3,592 49	
New Hampshire, . . . . .	4,945 42	86
Vermont, . . . . .	2,748 93	18
Massachusetts, . . . . .	46,658 68	62
Rhode Island, . . . . .	4,561 32	129
Connecticut, . . . . .	17,978 48	39
New York, . . . . .	22,832 80	109
New Jersey, . . . . .	1,404 21	615
Pennsylvania, . . . . .	730 70	
Delaware, . . . . .	5 00	
Maryland, . . . . .	101 09	
Washington, D. C., . . . . .	90 87	
Ohio, . . . . .	4,683 67	

\* Those ministers who take a collection WITHOUT EXPENSE TO OUR TREASURY, have been entitled to the "Quarterly," if they desire it on those conditions.

From Indiana, . . . . .	\$221 98	
Illinois, . . . . .	3,833 82	
Michigan, . . . . .	2,046 11	
Wisconsin, . . . . .	1,503 77	
Minnesota, . . . . .	602 90	
Iowa, . . . . .	1,902 60	
Missouri, . . . . .	1,118 00	200
Kansas, . . . . .	502 32	63
Nebraska, . . . . .	78 85	
Colorado, . . . . .	125 65	337
California, . . . . .	15 00	77
Oregon, . . . . .	55 50	
Tennessee, . . . . .	85 00	
South Carolina, . . . . .	2 50	
India, . . . . .	53 00	
Turkey, . . . . .	10 00	
Prince Edward's Island, . . . . .	20 00	
Unknown, . . . . .	15 00	
By balance from National Council, . . . . .	68 71	
sale of year books, . . . . .	4 50	
interest on balance in treasury, . . . . .	617 19	
	<hr/>	\$123,216 06
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		\$136,246 87

NEW YORK, May 9, 1866.

We have examined this account of the Treasurer of the American Congregational Union and find it correct.

A. S. BARNES, }  
S. N. DAVIS, } *Auditors.*  
JAS. W. ELWELL, }

### FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I bequeath to my executors the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars in trust, to pay the same in \_\_\_\_\_ after my decease, to the person who, when the same is payable, shall act as Treasurer of the "American Congregational Union," incorporated in the city of New York, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-three, to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of said Society, under the direction of its Board of Trustees.





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## BUSINESS MEETING.

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The Fourteenth Annual Business Meeting of the American Congregational Union was held at the Academy of Music, Brooklyn, on Thursday, May 9, at 3 P. M.

The Rev. BENJAMIN P. STONE, D. D., of Concord, N. H., Vice-President of the Society, occupied the chair.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. MILTON BADGER, D. D., of New York.

The Annual Report of the Trustees\* was read by the Rev. RAY PALMER, D. D., Corresponding Secretary.

The Treasurer read a summary of his Annual Report† for the year ending May 1, 1867.

On motion, it was

*Voted*, That the Annual Report of the Board of Trustees, and of the Treasurer, be accepted, and published under the direction of the Trustees.

On motion, the President appointed the following gentlemen a Committee for the nomination of officers of the Society for the ensuing year: Henry C. Bowen, Esq., Rev. H. B. Hooker, D. D., Rev. Milton Badger, D. D., and Rev. Ray Palmer, D. D.

The Committee reported the following named gentlemen for the several offices of President, Vice-Presidents, and Trustees, all of whom were duly elected:

### OFFICERS FOR 1867-8.

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\* See page 6.      † See page 17.

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#### *Treasurer and Recording Secretary.*

N. A. CALKINS, 146 Grand Street, New York.

JAMES H. STORRS, Esq., after speaking of the importance of the Congregational Union, and of its powers as an incorporated institution, offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Board of Trustees be authorized to take such steps as may be deemed advisable to investigate the powers of *The American Congregational Union* under its present Charter, and, if deemed necessary by them, to have its powers extended, either by an amendment, or by a special Charter.

After remarks by HENRY C. BOWEN, Esq., and Rev. Dr. PALMER, upon the important work which the Union is accomplishing in helping feeble Congregational churches to secure houses of worship, the meeting adjourned.

N. A. CALKINS,

*Recording Secretary.*

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## THE SOCIAL RE-UNION.

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The Fourteenth Social Re-union was held at the Academy of Music, Brooklyn, New York, at 7 o'clock, P. M., Thursday, May 9, 1867.

The meeting was called to order by the Rev. RAY PALMER, D. D., Secretary of the Society, who made a brief statement of the objects and work of the Congregational Union, after which he introduced the Rev. MARK HOPKINS, D. D., President of Williams' College, who had been invited to preside on this occasion.

On taking the chair, Dr. HOPKINS made a short address, after which prayer was offered by the Rev. WM. ALVAN BARTLETT, of Brooklyn.

Addresses were made by Rev. Dr. ROBINSON, of Brooklyn, Hon. WM. E. DODGE, of New York, Rev. A. D. NORTHRUP, of New York, and the Rev. J. P. THOMPSON, D. D., of New York.

The exercises were interspersed with appropriate vocal and instrumental music.



THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT  
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THE Trustees of the American Congregational Union present their Fourteenth Annual Report with grateful acknowledgement of the Divine favor which has attended the labors of the year. It is a valid ground of thankfulness and joy that our work has steadily grown upon our hands; and that, notwithstanding special difficulties have been encountered, an amount of good has been accomplished which cannot be estimated in the present generation. It will go on to reveal itself in the years that are to come.

OBJECTS OF THE UNION.

The Board deem it proper, on the present occasion, to recur to the objects for which this Union exists, as defined by the Constitution adopted at its organization. The second article of that paper is as follows:

“The particular objects of the Society shall be to collect, preserve, and publish authentic information concerning the history, condition, and continued progress of the Congregational churches in all parts of this country, with their affiliated institutions, and with their relations to kindred churches and institutions in other countries.

“To promote, by tracts and books, by devising and recommending to the public plans of co-operation in building meet-

ing-houses and parsonages, and in providing parochial and pastoral libraries, and by other methods, the progress and well-working of the Congregational church polity.

“To afford increased facilities for mutual acquaintance and friendly intercourse and helpfulness among ministers and churches of the Congregational order.

“And, in general, to do whatever a voluntary Association of individuals may do, in Christian discretion, and without invading the appropriate field of any existing institution, for the promotion of evangelical knowledge and piety in connection with Congregational principles of church government.”

From this exposition of its aims it will be seen that the Union stands on a very broad foundation. It may rightfully direct its efforts to any part of the great work of developing, healthfully and with energy, the spirit and power of our Christian faith and polity over the whole of the wide field now presented by our country. From the first, the Union has been steadily endeavoring to realize the conception of its founders. It may be well to state some of the chief things to which its attention and labors have been specially directed.

#### WHAT THE UNION HAS BEEN DOING.

First, in helping to establish and sustain the *Congregational Quarterly*, which now also answers the purpose of a Year Book, it has been doing a good work by means of that periodical, in collecting and publishing, so as to secure their preservation, the fullest statistics in relation to our ministry and churches, including biographies and obituary notices of eminent Congregationalists, both clerical and lay. These statistics have become ever year more valuable, because more accurate and complete. They will become, with the progress of years, an inestimable treasure. We may congratulate ourselves on having assisted in establishing and sustaining so useful a publication. It ought to be yet more widely circulated in our churches.

Secondly ; on the matter of furnishing increased facilities for fraternal intercourse, much time and pains have been bestowed. By a social reunion each year at the time of the Anniversary gatherings, at first in the form of a collation, and

more recently in that of a fresh and spirited public meeting, brethren from all parts of the country have been brought into genial contact, and unity of feeling and of counsel have been very much promoted.

The Rooms of the Union at the Bible House have offered a convenient place to which brethren coming to the city might resort for information and to report what has occurred worth telling in their several spheres of action. Since a Secretary has been permanently established here, the number availing themselves of these facilities has very materially increased; and the threads of kindly influence and of fraternal intercommunication centering at this point have been greatly multiplied. Recently a "Congregational Clerical Union," consisting of Congregational ministers in New York and vicinity, has been organized, and meets monthly in one of our rooms with a large attendance and a very positive interest.

It has been the aim of the executive officers of the Union, in their correspondence and personal intercourse with Christian brethren and with religious bodies of our own denomination, to ascertain the true condition, the special wants and trials of ministers and churches, and to call attention to them; to aid those in the more difficult positions by sympathy, encouragement, and co-operation; and, both through the press and through private letters and consultations, to promote in the whole body of our pastors and churches unity, mutual confidence, and strength. In this way much has been and may be accomplished which cannot be stated in detail.

The Union has been steadily prosecuting, and making specially prominent for the present, the vast work of assisting the feeble churches of our order, more particularly in the new settlements, to provide themselves with suitable houses of worship at an early period of their history. The urgent importance of this undertaking has seemed to justify us in concentrating on it our best energies. A great amount of care and labor has been expended on it, with results that are highly gratifying; and yet the work is but begun. The extraordinary and almost spasmodic effort to raise, according to the recommendation of the National Council, two hundred thousand dollars, has been followed, as was naturally to have been

expected, by a very considerable reaction, which, together with the state of the financial world, has rendered the contributions of the churches, generally, comparatively small the present year. Some, indeed, have responded liberally to our call, and it is an encouraging fact that the receipts of our treasury this year have been more than double those of any former year since the Union undertook the work, with the exception of that of the great appeal, when a large portion of the ministers and churches entered heartily into the work, and were greatly aided by the press.

The truth of these statements will appear from the following summary of receipts :

Total receipts for the year ending May 1, 1858—	\$	3,304.12
“ “ “ 1859—		10,619.92
“ “ “ 1860—		9,872.13
“ “ “ 1861—		9,047.44
“ “ “ 1862—		7,317.56
“ “ “ 1863—		10,826.28
“ “ “ 1864—		15,367.02
“ “ “ 1865—		14,077.35
“ (special effort) “ “ 1866—		123,216.87
“ “ “ 1867—		32,530.22

A great amount of labor the past year has been directed to the end of securing for our cause a *fixed position* on the list of objects receiving regular contributions from the churches. By the press, by private letters, by addresses at public meeting, and by conversations with individual Christians and ministers, it has been sought to gain for it the attention it really demands; and the fact that our treasury has received this year *more than twice the amount* received in any previous year, except in connection with the special effort prompted by the National Council, may fairly be taken as proof that some good progress has been made. Though the receipts are still far below the wants of the needy churches, yet this increase augurs well for the future, and justifies the hope of a more decided and permanent advance in the year to come. It has become extensively conceded that the work of aiding the feeble churches in providing themselves houses of worship must

steadily have a place beside that of Home Missions in the prayers and the contributions of Christian people, since the first great want of the Home Missionary on entering his field of labor in the wilderness, is a place in which to preach the Gospel to advantage, and to maintain the worship and institutions of religion.

#### PROGRESS IN CHURCH-BUILDING.

That the progress of our church-building work, and the amount of good accomplished may be clearly seen, we present the following statements. Let it be understood that the financial year of the Union is reckoned from May to May.

The first appropriation by the Union in aid of the building of a house of worship was paid in August, 1857, to the church in Omaha, Nebraska; and during the year ending May 1, 1858, appropriations were paid to three churches. In the year ending May 1, 1859, nine churches were aided. In the year ending May 1, 1860, twenty-four churches were aided. In the year ending May 1, 1861, thirty-nine churches received aid. In the year ending May 1, 1862, eighteen churches received appropriations. In the year ending May 1, 1863, appropriations were paid to seventeen churches. In the year ending May 1, 1864, appropriations were paid to twenty-one churches. To May 1, 1865, twenty-four churches were aided. To May 1, 1866, thirty-five churches received aid. During the year just closed—May 1, 1867—donations have been paid to sixty-five churches.

From May 1, 1857, to May 1, 1867, a period of ten years, appropriations were paid on two hundred and fifty-five churches. The whole amount thus paid on "last bills," exclusive of special loans, will average about \$320 from the Union for each house completed and held entirely free from debt.

Besides the above donations, and since the 1st of January, 1866, loans have been paid, and security taken by deed of the property, or first mortgage on the house and lot, to twenty-three churches.

In addition to the two hundred and fifty-five churches to which appropriations have already been paid, aid has been voted to fifty-three churches to the amount of \$23,200, which is held in the Treasury, awaiting the completion of these sev-



eral houses of worship. Deducting those of which part of the appropriations have been paid in each of two of our financial years, there will remain about three hundred churches to which the Congregational Union has granted aid in the erection of their places of worship in the last ten years.

The wide distribution of the aid extended to feeble churches by this Society will appear in the following statement of the number of churches which have been aided in the several states :

12 in Maine.	1 in Tennessee.
2 " New Hampshire.	9 " Ohio.
5 " Vermont.	4 " Indiana.
8 " Massachusetts.	54 " Illinois.
2 " Connecticut.	26 " Michigan.
22 " New York.	37 " Wisconsin.
2 " New Jersey.	38 " Iowa.
6 " Pennsylvania.	15 " Minnesota.
1 " Maryland.	3 " Nebraska.
1 " Washington, D. C.	13 " Missouri.
1 " North Carolina.	21 " Kansas.
1 " Georgia.	1 " Colorado.
1 " Louisiana.	8 " California.

The following statement will show the large number of churches aided in some of the states in proportion to the whole number in those states.

Money has been paid or granted to aid in building the houses of worship for

13 of the	29	Congregational churches in	Missouri.
21 " 33	"	"	" Kansas.
15 " 58	"	"	" Minnesota.
38 " 166	"	"	" Iowa.
37 " 158	"	"	" Wisconsin.
54 " 222	"	"	" Illinois.
26 " 150	"	"	" Michigan.

The seven Western states—Kansas, Missouri, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Michigan—together contain 816 Congregational churches. Within the past ten years the Amer-

ican Congregational Union has granted aid in paying for the houses of worship for *more than one-fourth* of all of these churches.

Such is the breadth and magnitude of the work of church erection which the Congregational Union has already accomplished.

#### REPORTS FROM CHURCHES AIDED.

In the course of the past year circulars have been sent to the churches which have been aided by the Union, and from many of these answers have been received. Of these many are now self-supporting, having become so at periods varying "from the day of entering their new house to six years after." "Entirely out of debt, and very grateful to the Union," says one of these churches.

"Six months after we entered our new house, our congregation was not far from double what it was in the old one; ten have united with the church, and many important additions have been made to the parish," says another. Another writes, "Our church has increased ten-fold. At the next communion we shall number sixty." Another, "I cannot express the gratitude I feel for what the building fund has done for the church in ——. It gave them a fine church which could not have been erected without your aid. The erection of that edifice prepared the way of the Lord, and He filled it with His glory and baptised it with His presence. From a church of only nineteen members when we commenced to build, in less than two years we numbered fifty-eight. There were only seven male members—all poor. They could raise but \$350, but your offer so encouraged them that it aroused the whole community, and they in reality built most of the church and gladly gave it into our hands." Many of these churches have, soon after entering their new sanctuaries, been blessed with delightful revivals of religion. "You remember this church which you aided us in building last Fall," says a late letter. "We had hardly moved into it ere the shower of mercy began to fall. Last Sabbath we received fourteen adults—mostly heads of families, and several men are ready to join us. I do feel there is not an agency in the land more blessed than yours."

But it will of course require a series of years to unfold the happy results of placing so many Christian churches in a position to act with vigor, and of so greatly enlarging the circle of their influence.

The church in Baltimore has, in the course of the last year, completed a large and convenient chapel, on the rear of the excellent lot which, by the aid of the Union, they had previously secured. This chapel was dedicated, free from debt, in January with interesting services, and the church hopes to be able, at no distant day, to erect a suitable church edifice.

The Washington church has been successfully prosecuting its two-fold work of raising funds and carrying forward the process of building. It will soon be in a position, it is believed, to exert a commanding influence.

The church at Memphis is growing healthfully, and promises to fulfill our best expectations; and that at New Orleans, not without some difficulties, is holding on the even tenor of its way. At other points southward there are hopeful indications, of which, however, it would be premature to speak at present.

#### EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.

At the meeting of the Trustees, in January, the Rev. I. P. Langworthy, so long a zealous and efficient Secretary of the Union, requested to be released from his official relation to us, that he might give his undivided attention to the service of the American Congregational Association at Boston. The Board expressed their deep sense of the value of the services rendered to the Society by Rev. Mr. Langworthy, their warm personal regard for him, and their regret at his retirement; but as after conference with him it was found that he deemed his call to another field of usefulness imperative, his resignation was accepted.

To fill the vacancy thus made, the Trustees, after careful deliberation and inquiry, elected the Rev. Christopher Cushing, of North Brookfield, Mass., as an Associate Secretary of the Union. Mr. Cushing has been long and honorably known to the churches of Massachusetts as a gifted, earnest, and successful pastor, and has a large measure of their confidence and esteem. He will have his office at No. 16 Tremont Temple,

Boston, and will have it especially in charge to awaken and to sustain the interest of the churches of New England in our work, particularly that part of it which relates to the building of church edifices, and to secure regular annual contributions. He will, at the same time, be in constant communication with the Board of Trustees and the Secretary at New York, and will co-operate with them in the general work of the Union. The Secretary at New York will give special attention to applications for aid in building churches; and all letters of inquiry and all statements of facts in respect to these, together with the applications themselves, should be addressed to him at the rooms of the Union, 49 Bible House, New York.

#### THE WORK BEFORE US.

The Union is now in a position to work effectively. It proposes a steady and systematic prosecution of its general objects, and of the church-building enterprise in particular. This enterprise is large enough, and full of interest enough, to awaken a high enthusiasm. Our branch of the Christian church, within the last ten years, and more particularly within the last five, has been developing its expansive energy and its working power as it had never done before. The rapidity with which churches are springing up in all the new regions of the country is astonishing. From a multitude of rising towns and cities comes the earnest cry for aid. To neglect the infant churches planted in these places, and trying to struggle into life, while at the same time they are enduring the trials and bearing all the burdens which belong to the new settlements, is at once a cruelty to our brethren and a great loss to the cause of Christ. Each one of these young churches, planted in hopeful circumstances, should, at once, be put into a position to command attention and respect. Then, at the start, it will become a leading influence, a molding power in the community in which it has been set. But leave it to struggle through years of weakness and difficulty, and infidelity or error of some kind will have gained the ascendancy, and the golden opportunity will have been lost. Years of effort, begun too late, may not be able to regain what has been neglectfully thrown away.

Most earnestly, then, does the Board of Trustees appeal, on behalf of these churches, both to the pastors and the congregations, whose joy it should be to aid them. They most respectfully ask it of each pastor of the churches which have sanctuaries, and especially of those in New England, to see that the wants of those who have none are *once each year presented faithfully to his people*. They ask it, with all urgency, of each one of the congregations that they will cheerfully and liberally contribute to relieve the financial burdens, and the pressing spiritual necessities of those (perhaps in many cases out of their own households) whose hearts are ready to break with longing for the privileges of a house of Christian worship. Since a new era has dawned upon our country, and, as it may be confidently hoped, a high career has opened before us, let us hear the voice of God summoning us to the great work of laying the foundation of a purer and nobler civilization than has ever yet existed, by planting everywhere true Christianity with its holy temples, its family religion, its effective Sabbath-schools and teaching ministry. It is in this way only that we can escape the degeneracy and ruin which, as all history shows, are the certain results of luxury combined with popular ignorance and irreligion. Let the entire country, from one ocean to the other, be studded all over with Christian churches in which the spiritual and life-giving truths of the simple Gospel of Jesus Christ are steadily preached by wise and faithful pastors, and our land will ere long stand acknowledged the light and guide of nations and the joy of the whole earth. It belongs to our churches, in the spirit of the Fathers of New England, and in harmonious co-operation with other Christians, to see that this is done.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees,

RAY PALMER, }  
C. CUSHING, } *Secretaries.*

NEW YORK, May 1, 1867.





# THE TREASURER'S REPORT OF RECEIPTS.

The following is a complete list of all the contributions received, from May 1, 1866, to May 1, 1867, by N. A. CALKINS, *Treasurer*, 146 Grand Street, New York :

## MAINE.

Biddeford, 2d Cong. Church.....	\$ 90 00
Brunswick, " " " .....	20 00
Cornish, Cong. Church and Society	15 00
East Madison, Mrs. Elbridge Reed	5 00
Ellsworth, Cong. Church..	48 00
Farmington, " " ..	100 00
Fryeburg, " " ..	17 25
Jackson & Marks, " " ..	11 22
Lyman, " " ..	5 50
Lewiston, Pine St. " " ..	185 00
" a friend.....	1,000 80
Monson, Cong. Church...	7 50
Machias, " " ..	70 00
Portland, High St. " " ..	53 50
Presque Isle, " " ..	8 00
Skowhegan, E. & M. & P. ....	5 00
South Berwick, Cong. Church....	28 63
Waterville, " " ..	52 10
Winterport & Frankfort, Con. Ch.	8 00
Weld, Cong. Church.....	3 25

\$1,733 75

## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Dunbarton, Cong. Church .....	\$ 13 00
Chichester, " " .....	6 50
Epsom, " " .....	3 00
Exeter, 2d Cong. Church .....	115 00
Great Falls, 1st " " .....	4 00
Keene, " " .....	100 00
" Isaac Rand.....	30 70
Marlboro, Cong. Church....	26 60
Milford, 1st " " .....	17 00
Nashua, Pearl St. Cong. Church..	81 74
Pelham, " " ..	88 00
Plymouth, " " ..	7 00
Wolfboro, " " ..	5 50

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## VERMONT.

Coventry, Cong. Church.....	\$ 20 00
Hyde Park, 2d " " .....	6 70
Lunenburg, " " .....	8 00
Northfield, " " .....	18 88
Pittsford, " " .....	10 00
Poultney, " " .....	16 00

St. Johnsbury, North Cong. Ch...	\$ 21 66
Waterbury, " " ..	20 00
West Charleston, " " ..	7 00

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## MASSACHUSETTS.

Acton, Evan. Cong. Church.....	\$ 13 00
Andover, Rev. Joseph Emerson..	20 00
Ashby, 2d Cong. Church.....	8 20
Boston, Shawmut Church, .....	645 30
" Park St. " .....	284 85
" Estate of G. S. Low, Esq..	192 17
" Gardner Edmonds, Esq..	100 00
Braintree, 1st Cong. Church .....	30 50
Centerville, " " .....	13 00
Charlestown, 1st Par. ....	175 00
Chelsea, Minisimmet Church....	364 96
" a friend.....	300 00
" Rev. I. P. Langworthy.	100 00
" Miss M. I. Chittenden..	3 00
Colerain, Cong. Church.....	5 10
Dalton, Mrs. Z. M. Crane .....	500 00
Danvers, 1st Cong. Church .....	42 00
Easthampton, Payson Church....	118 43
Fair Haven, 1st " " .....	74 06
Fall River, Central " .....	421 20
Falmouth, 1st " " .....	30 00
Franklin, Rev. Geo. A. Pelton....	2 00
Grafton, Cong. Ch....	170 00
Granby, " " .....	34 50
Groton, Union " .....	26 90
Groveland, Cong. " .....	9 86
Hadley, 1st " .....	19 00
Hubbardston, Cong. " .....	8 55
Lawrence, Eliot " .....	44 76
Leominster, Cong. " .....	44 75
Littleton, " " .....	32 50
Marblehead, South " .....	10 00
Marlboro, Union " .....	77 00
Medway, Village " .....	25 28
Melrose, Cong. " .....	117 10
Milford, " " .....	32 75
Monson, " " .....	77 45
Neponset, " " .....	50 50
Newbury, 1st " " .....	16 50
Newton, Eliot " .....	239 32
" Center, Cong. " .....	71 35
Northampton, 1st " " .....	714 20

Northampton, Edward Chs....	\$ 56 00	Greenville, Cong. Ch....	\$ 83 30
North Andover, Cong. " ....	49 25	Greenwich, 2d " " ..	124 50
" Beverly, " " ....	42 73	Hartford, Pearl St. " " ..	211 71
" Falmouth, " " ....	50 00	" 1st " " ..	185 30
" Hadley, " " ....	13 00	" Asylum Hill " " ..	168 00
Pepperell, " " ....	15 89	" North " " ..	41 61
Rehoboth, " " ....	25 00	" Mrs. Geo. W. Root....	10 00
Roxbury, Eliot " ....	209 24	Huntington, Cong. Ch....	10 76
Salem, M. W. H. " ....	10 00	Lebanon, 1st " " ..	60 46
Sherburn, Evan. Cong. " ....	26 00	Lyme, Dea. Lee and W. A. Hyde.	3 00
South Dartmouth, " " ....	5 50	Manchester, 2d Cong. Ch....	53 68
" Deerfield, Est. Mrs. Packard	14 00	Mansfield Center, " " ..	20 00
" Hadley, Cong. Church....	36 00	Monroe, " " ..	10 00
" " Mt. Holyoke F. Sem.	20 85	Morris, " " ..	10 00
Spencer Cong. Church.....	30 00	New Britain Center, " " ..	46 50
Springfield, South Cong. Ch....	589 00	New Haven, Amos Townsend, Esq.	500 00
" " " s. s. ....	200 00	" " 1st Cong. Church....	287 50
" 1st " " ....	37 67	" " Chapel St. " ....	221 77
Stockbridge, " " ....	143 84	" " Prof. B. Silliman ....	100 00
Stoughton, " " ....	30 00	" " North Cong. Church.	59 20
Sunderland, " " ....	5 00	" " Mrs. Loiz, Chap. N. Ch	50 00
Taunton, Winslow Church.....	17 50	" " 3d Cong. Church ....	57 22
Templeton, a friend.....	10 00	New Preston, " " ....	12 10
Townsend, Ortho. Cong. Church..	26 40	Norwalk, 1st " " ....	102 50
Walpole, " " ..	11 46	Norwich, Broadway " ....	162 98
Ware, 1st " " ..	7 00	Putnam, Cong. " ....	25 10
Warren, " " ..	9 50	Rockville, 2d " " ....	227 00
Wayland, " " ..	116 52	Scotland, " " ....	11 00
Wellfleet, 1st " " ..	111 57	Simsbury, " " ....	35 50
West Medway, " " ..	31 03	Southbury, " " ....	9 78
" " a friend.....	3 00	Stamford, 1st " " ....	49 00
" Stockbridge, Rev. L. Pennell	1 00	Trumbull, " " ....	13 58
Weymouth & Braintree Relig. So.	10 00	Washington, 1st " " ....	15 53
" " Union Ch. ....	40 00	Waterbury, 2d " " ....	99 45
Whatley, Cong. Church.....	5 00	W. Killingly, " " ....	11 49
	\$7,273 99	Westport, " " ....	41 00
		Wethersfield, 1st " " ....	21 35
		Wolcottville, Jonathan Law,....	5 00

## RHODE ISLAND.

Barrington, Cong. Church..	\$ 57 00
Bristol, " " ..	31 42
Kingston, " " ..	28 00
Newport, G. A. O. " ..	10 00
Providence, Cong. " ..	300 00
" High St. " " ..	98 62
Tiverton, Rev. A. L. Whitman...	10 00
" Cong. Church.....	2 60

\$537 64

## CONNECTICUT.

Andover, Cong. Ch....	\$ 2 75
Bethlehem, " " ..	20 00
Birmingham, " " ..	79 15
Bozrahville, " " ..	6 50
Cheshire, " " ..	43 33
Deep River, " " ..	11 73
East Glastenbury, " " ..	13 00
Easton, " " ..	1 00
East Windsor, " " ..	28 00
Ellington, " " ..	13 20
Ellsworth, " " ..	3 50
Farmington, 1st " " ..	44 75
Goshen, " " ..	9 00
Glastenbury, 1st " " ..	44 45

## NEW YORK.

Ashville, Cong. Church.....	\$ 5 00
Auburn, a friend.....	50 00
Baiting Hollow.....	3 75
Brooklyn, Plymouth Church....	1,153 26
" Church of Pilgrims....	578 87
" Clinton Ave.....	300 00
" Church of Puritans....	100 00
" South Church.....	119 12
" Special Contributions at	
Social Re-union, for 1st Con. Ch.	
at Washington, D. C. ....	5,871 44
Canandaigua, Cong. Church.....	137 03
" Hon. H. W. Taylor.	2 00
Crary's Mills .....	10 00
Crown Point .....	50 00
Fairport .....	17 25
Flushing.....	255 00
Franklin, 1st.....	37 50
Gloversville .....	160 00
Kiantone.....	7 00
Le Roy .....	24 00
New York, Broadway Tabernacle.	431 76

\$3,477 23

New York, Samuel Holmes.....	\$100 00
" " Benedict, Tracy & Benedict .....	50 00
" " a friend .....	3 00
" " Rev. Cyrus Offer .....	1 00
Potsdam, Sewell Raymond.....	10 00
Rutland .....	35 18
Walton, 1st .....	11 00
Warsaw .....	142 80

\$9,665 96

## NEW JERSEY.

Jersey City, 1st Cong. Church...	\$600 52
Orange, Orange Valley " ...	80 00

\$680 52

## PENNSYLVANIA.

Ashton, Welsh Cong. Church....	\$ 7 35
Erie, W. H. Catlin .....	5 00
Le Raysville, 1st Cong. Church	11 65
Philadelphia, Central " " ..	185 45
Providence, Welsh " " ..	40 00
Summit Hill. " " " ..	13 30

\$212 75

## OHIO.

Bellevue, individuals.....	\$ 7 25
Belpre, Cong. Ch... ..	40 00
Cincinnati, Vine St. " " ..	236 25
" Rev. Mason Grosvenor	25 00
Cleveland, F. E. Churchill .....	13 00
Fostoria, Mrs. E. A. Corey.....	5 00
Franklin, Cong. Church .....	6 75
Geneva, " " .....	28 00
McConnellsville, Alf. Wilkins, Esq.	20 00
Marietta, 1st Cong. Church.....	79 10
" 2d " " .....	5 00
Toledo, 1st " " .....	70 70

\$536 05

## INDIANA.

Indianapolis, Faith White's Letter Book .....	\$ 25 00
Waterloo .....	67 65

\$92 65

## ILLINOIS.

Albion, Trinity Cong. Church....	\$ 8 75
Atkinson, 1st " " .....	8 35
Aurora, 1st " " .....	50 00
Barry, Reuben Shipman, Esq.....	25 00
Blue Island, Cong. Church....	10 00
Buda, " " .....	11 00
Chesterfield, " " .....	10 00
Chicago, 1st " " .....	1,000 00
Coal Valley, " " .....	10 00
Concord, " " .....	29 30
Danvers, " " .....	17 50
Dundee, " " .....	14 00
Farmington, 1st " " .....	22 00

Galesburg 1st Cong. Church....	\$142 10
Granville, " " .....	31 75
Gridley, " " .....	6 00
Hoyleton, " " .....	17 50
Huntley, " " .....	6 25
Jacksonville, " " .....	114 00
Lacon, " " .....	29 90
Lanark, " " .....	6 00
Lisbon, a friend .....	50 00
Millburn, Cong. Church....	9 60
Moline, 1st " " .....	16 00
Morris, " " .....	22 46
Nebraska, " " .....	4 00
Newark, " " .....	14 00
New Berlin, " " .....	5 00
Ottawa, Plymouth " " .....	32 46
Payson, " " .....	71 10
Prairie City, " " .....	20 00
Quincy, 1st " " .....	51 89
Rockford, 1st " " .....	18 06
" 2d " " .....	60 70
Roseville, " " .....	4 45
Shirland, " " .....	7 00
Spoon River, " " .....	4 20
Sterling, " " .....	25 00
Victoria, " " .....	10 00
Walnut Grove, 1st " " .....	12 15
Waukegan, " " .....	7 00
Wheaton, 1st " " .....	15 55
Winnebago, " " .....	70 00
Woodburn, " " .....	26 15

\$2,126 17

## MICHIGAN.

Allegan, Cong. Church..	\$ 7 65
Augusta, " " ..	25 00
Bedford, 1st " " ..	11 00
Charlotte, " " ..	18 00
Columbus, " " ..	6 00
Croton, Rev. A. St. Clair.....	1 00
Detroit, 1st Cong. Church..	281 47
" 2d " " ..	25 00
Grand Haven, 1st " " ..	27 30
Grand Rapids, " " ..	84 54
Grandville, " " ..	10 00
Hancock, " " ..	27 50
Johnston, " " ..	6 10
Keeler, " " ..	4 00
Lawrence, " " ..	4 50
Leroy, " " ..	12 60
Lima, " " ..	6 00
Memphis, " " ..	9 00
Olivet, " " ..	57 33
Otsego, " " ..	21 00
Owasso, " " ..	10 00
Rochester, " " ..	4 95
St. Johns, " " ..	55 00
Summit, " " ..	8 00
Utica, " " ..	16 20
Whitewater, " " ..	10 00

\$744 14

## WISCONSIN.

Baraboo,	1st Cong. Church..	\$ 27 00
Burlington,	" "	7 00
Grand Rapids,	" "	17 20
Menasha,	" "	50 00
Milwaukee, Pylm'th	" "	45 00
Pine River,	" "	6 00
Stoughton,	" "	5 00
Westfield,	" "	5 00

\$162 20

## MINNESOTA.

Afton	1st Cong. Ch...	\$16 80
Cannon Falls,	" "	5 00
Lakeland,	" "	4 50
Lenora,	" "	3 05
Lewiston,	" "	5 00
Plainview,	" "	7 00
St. Charles,	" "	10 00
St. Paul, Plymouth	" "	14 00
Waubashaw,	" "	5 55
Winona,	" "	27 36

\$98 26

## IOWA.

Ames,	Cong. Church..	\$ 7 60
Anamosa,	" "	18 00
Bowen's Prairie,	" "	16 60
Bradford,	" "	10 00
Burlington,	" "	14 00
Burr Oak,	" "	8 35
Cedar Falls,	" "	17 00
Chapin & Hampton,	" "	11 00
Dewit,	" "	8 00
Elk River,	" "	9 50
Foreston,	" "	11 60
Franklin,	" "	3 00
Garnavillo,	" "	6 00
Glenwood,	" "	50 00
Green Mountain,	" "	15 00
Grinnell, Rev. Geo. F. Magoun...		2 00
Jamestown,	Cong. Church..	9 50
La Fayette,	" "	5 00
Lyons,	" "	35 00
McGregor,	" "	35 95
Monticello,	" "	36 50
Mount Pleasant,	" "	31 65
Muscatine,	" "	4 00
Orford,	" "	11 25
Osage,	" "	25 50
Rockford,	" "	6 15
Sabula,	" "	7 50

Salina, appropriation refunded by  
by the Society..... 250 00

Stirling,	Cong. Church..	\$ 5 00
Tabor,	" "	15 30
Washington,	" "	9 00
Waverly,	" "	15 00

\$709 95

## MISSOURI.

Bevier, Cong. Church .....	\$ 7 00
California, Rev. L. Newcomb....	2 00
Kidder, Cong. Ch.	13 75
La Clede, " "	35 00
St. Louis, Webster Grove " "	30 70

\$88 45

## KANSAS.

Atchison, 1st Cong. Church..	\$ 23 50
Centralia, " "	6 00
Clinton, " "	3 00
Eureka, " "	4 00
Grasshopper Falls, " "	5 50
Hampden, " "	5 00
Hiawatha and other Con. Churches	12 20
Junction City, Cong. Church..	3 93
Manhattan.....	20 60
Mapleton .....	3 00
Minneola .....	3 00
Mount Gilead.....	2 00
Ridgeway, Rev. J. W. Fox.....	5 00
" Dea. E. H. Green.....	3 00
Rochester, Cong. Church..	4 00
Wabannsee, " "	11 00
Wyandotte, " "	89 60

\$203 40

## CALIFORNIA.

From 28 Churches .....	\$1,111 45
Mendocino, a friend .....	15 00

\$1,126 45

## TENNESSEE.

Memphis, Union Church. ....	\$75 00
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## LOUISIANA.

New Orleans, 1st Cong. Church \$	43 90
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Madura, India, Rev. T. S. Burrell	14 80
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Interest on Balance in Treasury	\$2,293 43
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Year Books.....	7 25
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\$32,530 22



## SUMMARY OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

*The American Congregational Union in account with N. A. CALKINS, Treas.*

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May 1, 1867. By balance in treasury, May 1, 1866,		\$67,119 18	
By contributions received—			
From Maine,	1,733 75		
New Hampshire,	498 04		
Vermont,	128 24		
Massachusetts,	7,273 99		
Connecticut,	3,477 23		
Rhode Island,	537 64		
New York,	9,665 96		
New Jersey,	680 52		
Pennsylvania,	212 75		
Ohio,	536 05		
Indiana,	92 65		
Illinois,	2,126 17		
Michigan,	744 14		
Wisconsin,	162 20		
Iowa,	709 95		
Minnesota,	98 26		
Missouri,	88 45		
Kansas,	203 40		
California,	1,126 45		
Tennessee,	75 00		
Louisiana,	43 90		
Madura, India,	14 80		
Interest received on balance in treasury,	2,293 43		
Sale of year books,	7 25		
			\$99,649 40

## DR.

May 1, 1867. To appropriations paid to the Societies of Congregational Churches, as follows, viz.:

At Weld, Maine,	\$ 500 00	
Dedham, Maine,	300 00	
Old Town, Maine,	500 00	
		\$1,300 00
At Kensington, New Hampshire,		\$200 00
At Westport, New York,	\$ 300 00	
Parrotville, New York,	225 00	
Woodhaven, New York,	500 00	
Utica, (2d Welsh,) New York,	150 00	
Harrisville, New York,	400 00	
Williams' Bridge, New York,	(Loan,) 1,500 00	
		\$3,075 00
At Elizabeth, New Jersey,	(Loan,) \$2,500 00	
Landis, New Jersey,	(Loan,) 1,000 00	
		\$3,500 00
At Morris Run, (Welsh,) Penn.,		\$500 00
At Kokomo, Indiana,	( $\frac{1}{4}$ Loan,) . . .	\$1,000 00

## To appropriations paid to the Societies of Congregational Churches, continued.

At Lisle, Illinois, . . . . .	\$	400	00	
Union, Illinois, . . . . .		100	00	
Harvard, Illinois, . . . . .		500	00	
Hillsboro, Illinois, . . . . .		500	00	
At Sandoval, Illinois, . . . . .	\$	500	00	
Gridley, Illinois, . . . . .		500	00	
Elmore, Illinois, . . . . .		500	00	
Woodstock, Illinois, . . . . .		500	00	
Monee, Illinois, . . . . .		500	00	
Walnut Grove, Illinois, . . . . .		500	00	
Dement, Illinois, . . . . .		500	00	
Normal, Illinois, . . . . . (Loan,)		1,000	00	
				\$6,000 00
At Port Sanilac, Michigan, . . . . .	\$	500	00	
Saugatuck, Michigan, . . . . .		100	00	
Whitewater, Michigan, . . . . .		250	00	
				\$850 00
At Leon, Wisconsin, . . . . .	\$	300	00	
Palmyra, Wisconsin, . . . . .		125	00	
				\$425 00
At Lake City, Minnesota, . . . . . (Loan,)	\$	750	00	
Glencoe, Minnesota, . . . . .		500	00	
Minneapolis, Minnesota, . . . . .		275	00	
Rochester, Minnesota, . . . . .		500	00	
				\$2,025 00
At Rockford, Iowa . . . . .	\$	450	00	
Ames, Iowa, . . . . .		500	00	
New Hampton, Iowa, . . . . .		200	00	
Tipton, Iowa, . . . . .		400	00	
Fort Atkinson, Iowa, . . . . .		200	00	
Earlville, Iowa, . . . . .		500	00	
Aldin & Ellis, Iowa, . . . . .		500	00	
Monona, Iowa, . . . . .		400	00	
Boonesboro, Iowa, . . . . . (Loan,)		250	00	
Dubuque, Iowa, . . . . .		300	00	
				\$3,700 00
At Columbus, Nebraska, . . . . .				\$500 00
At Kansas City, Missouri, . . . . . (Loan,)	\$3,000	00		
Brookfield, Missouri, . . . . . (Part Loan,)	1,900	00		
New Cambria, Missouri, . . . . . (Part Loan,)	800	00		
La Clede, Missouri, . . . . . (Part Loan,)	1,000	00		
Gallatin, Missouri, . . . . . (Part Loan,)	1,000	00		
Chillicothe, Missouri, . . . . . (Part Loan,)	1,500	00		
Sedalia, Missouri, . . . . .	500	00		
Bevier, Missouri, . . . . .	500	00		
				\$10,200 00
At North Lawrence, Kansas, . . . . . (Part Loan,)	\$1,750	00		
Topeka, (2d Cong.,) Kansas, . . . . . (Part Loan,)	700	00		
Burlingame, Kansas, . . . . .	500	00		
Albany, Kansas, . . . . .	500	00		
				\$3,450 00
At Central City, Colorado, . . . . .				\$500 00
At San Francisco, California, . . . . . (Loan,)	\$2,000	00		
Copperopolis, California, . . . . .	500	00		
				\$ 2,500 00

At Atlanta, Georgia, (1st Cong. Colored,) . . . . .	\$1,000 00
At Memphis, Tennessee, . . . . .	\$11,000 00
At Washington, D. C., (special contributions,) . . . . .	\$5,871 44
At Baltimore, Maryland, . . . . . (Loan,) . . . . .	\$3,000 00
Total amount of appropriations paid, . . . . .	\$60,596 44
To salaries of Officers, . . . . .	\$ 6,946 67
Traveling expenses of Secretaries, . . . . .	373 99
Rent and fitting up rooms, . . . . .	678 10
To expenses of publishing annual reports, circulars, postage, revenue stamps, stationery, advertisements, and in- cidental, . . . . .	\$824 53
Counsel fees, . . . . .	335 50
Subscriptions to 30 Cong. Quarterlies, . . . . .	45 00
Life Members' Certificates, . . . . .	4 25
	\$9,208 04
To contributions sent by mistake—returned, . . . . .	100 00
Appropriations pledged to aid the completion of 53 Houses of Worship, . . . . .	\$23,200 00
Balance in treasury, unappropriated, . . . . .	6,544 92
	\$29,744 92
	\$99,649 40

NEW YORK, May 8, 1867.

Examined and found correct.

A. S. BARNES, }  
JAMES W. ELWELL, } *Auditors.*

## FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I bequeath to my executors the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars in trust, to pay the same in \_\_\_\_\_ after my decease, to the person who, when the same is payable, shall act as Treasurer of "The American Congregational Union," incorporated in the city of New York, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-three, to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of said Society, under the direction of its Board of Trustees.

## CONDITIONS

### UPON WHICH APPROPRIATIONS ARE PAID TO CHURCHES.

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Information upon each of the following points must be sent, by the Society receiving aid, to the *Treasurer* of the Congregational Union before he is authorized to pay an appropriation. This information is required as evidence that the money given will be carefully preserved to the accomplishment of the object for which it was contributed :

FIRST.—That the Society is legally constituted in accordance with the laws of the State in which it is located. A *certificate* must be procured from a judge of a court, a justice of the peace, a notary public, or a lawyer, stating that the Society is thus constituted, and that the present officers were legally chosen. This certificate must be sent to the *Treasurer* of The Congregational Union, with the “Certificate and Agreement,” when the House of Worship has been completed.

SECOND.—That the Society owns the land upon which the church-edifice stands—holding a perfect title to it free from incumbrance.

THIRD.—That the House of Worship *is completed*, ready to be used for public worship.

FOURTH.—That all bills and debts of the Church and Society, except to the amount of the appropriation, have been actually *paid*, not merely *promised to be paid*.

FIFTH.—That the Church has voted to make a contribution every year to the funds of the “Congregational Union,” and that this vote has been recorded in the Church records.

SIXTH.—That the House of Worship is insured against loss by fire.

When all the foregoing conditions have been complied with by the Church and Society, the “Certificate and Agreement” may be filled out, duly signed, and sent to the *Treasurer*, who will immediately forward the appropriation by check or draft on a bank in New York City.

**Figure 6.** The effect of the number of iterations on the accuracy of the proposed algorithm. The figure shows two plots side-by-side. The left plot shows the accuracy of the proposed algorithm (in %) versus the number of iterations (from 0 to 100). The right plot shows the accuracy of the proposed algorithm (in %) versus the number of iterations (from 0 to 100).

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# THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

## CONSTITUTION.

I.—This Association shall be known in law as THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

II.—The particular business and objects of the Society shall be, to collect, preserve, and publish authentic information concerning the history, condition, and continued progress of the Congregational churches in all parts of this country, with their affiliated institutions, and with their relations to kindred churches and institutions in other countries:

To promote, by tracts and books, by devising and recommending to the public plans of co-operation in building meeting-houses and parsonages, and in providing parochial and pastoral libraries, and in other methods, the progress and well-working of the Congregational church polity;

To afford increased facilities for mutual acquaintance and friendly intercourse and helpfulness among ministers and churches in the Congregational order:

And, in general, to do whatever a voluntary association of individuals may do, in Christian discretion, and without invading the appropriate field of any existing institution—for the promotion of evangelical knowledge and piety in connection with Congregational principles of church government.

III.—Its business shall be managed by a Board of not more than thirty, nor less than five, Trustees.

MEMBERS.—Any person approving the objects of this Society, and desirous of co-operating with it, may become a member for life on the payment of twenty-five dollars or more, at one time; or a member for the current year, on the payment of any other sum not less than one dollar.

OFFICERS.—The Officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, a Board of Trustees, together with a Treasurer, Secretary, and such other executive officers as shall be needful for the transaction of its business.

The President, Vice-Presidents, and Board of Trustees shall be elected by the Union, at the annual meeting. The Secretary, Treasurer, and other agents shall be appointed by the Trustees.

The Trustees shall have entire charge and oversight of the business of the Union, with power to fill vacancies in their number until the next annual election.

MEETINGS.—The annual meeting of the Union shall be held in New York or Brooklyn, on the second Thursday in May, when the report of the Board of Trustees shall be presented, the election of officers take place, and other appropriate business be transacted.

Special meetings may be called, in New York or elsewhere, either by vote of the Union, or at the request of a majority of the Trustees, of which extensive public notice shall be given.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—The time for the regular meetings of the Board of Trustees is on the afternoon of the second Wednesday of each month, except August.

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## THE SOCIAL REUNION.

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THE Sixteenth Social Reunion was held at the Academy of Music, Brooklyn, N. Y., on Thursday evening, May 13, 1869.

The reception rooms of the Academy were open for a levee at half past six, and Dodworth's Band discoursed sweet music, while ladies and gentlemen had an hour for social interviews, and for introduction to strangers.

At half past seven the public services commenced. A choir of forty gentlemen, selected from the various choirs of the city, took their places on the platform for the service of song. Rev. Richard S. Storrs, D. D., was called to preside.

The exercises were opened by the singing of a hymn. After prayer offered by Rev. C. Cushing, of Boston, Rev. Ray Palmer, D. D., made a brief statement of the doings of the society the past year, and of its plans and wants for the future.

The select choir sung, in a most impressive manner, the ode "Integer Vitæ." Dr. Storrs then made the opening address in his usual felicitous style.

Addresses of varying character, witty and sedate, playful and serious, historic and didactic, were given by Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, Jr., Rev. De Witt C. Talmadge, of Philadelphia, Rev. Robert Lowry, of Brooklyn, Rev. Dr. Price, of Wales, and Rev. Norman Seaver, D. D., of Brooklyn. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Budington.

The music was exquisite, sublime; and the entire exercises afforded an illustration of the truth that

"The hill of Zion yields  
A thousand sacred sweets  
Before we reach the heavenly fields,  
Or walk the golden streets."

## ANNIVERSARY AT BOSTON.

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THE Anniversary of the American Congregational Union, at Boston, was held in the Mount Vernon Church, on Wednesday, May 26th, at four o'clock, P. M.

Rev. Henry M. Storrs, D. D., of Brooklyn, N. Y., presided. Rev. William P. Paine, D. D., of Holden, Mass., opened the meeting with prayer.

The doings and plans of the Union were presented by Rev. C. Cushing.

Rev. William E. Park, of Lawrence, Mass., made a scholarly address, showing that the Congregational polity had its origin in apostolic days; that for many generations the government of the Church vested in the mass of the people, and that our ecclesiastical system had ever developed the most eminent individual men, and promoted the broadest popular liberty.

Rev. Alexander McKenzie, of Cambridge, Mass., spoke in an interesting manner of this society, as illustrating the principle that "the strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak," and as peculiarly business-like and judicious in its management, also of Congregationalism as pre-eminently standing the test of time.

Rev. Cyrus W. Wallace, D. D., of Manchester, N. H., while conceding the importance of this society to the expanding domain of the West, spoke earnestly of the claim upon its benevolent appropriations of feeble churches in the rural districts of New England which are constantly contributing their young men as a source of wealth and of power to churches in commercial and manufacturing centres.

The meeting was closed with the doxology and benediction.

## BUSINESS MEETING.

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THE Sixteenth Annual Business Meeting of the American Congregational Union was held at the Academy of Music, Brooklyn, N. Y., on Thursday, May 13, at half past three o'clock, P. M.

Alfred S. Barnes, Esq., Vice-President of the Society, occupied the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. Ray Palmer, D. D., of New York. The Annual Report of the Board of Trustees was presented by the Rev. Ray Palmer, D. D., Corresponding Secretary. The Treasurer read a summary of his Annual Report for the year ending May 1, 1869. On motion, it was

*Voted*, That the Annual Report of the Board of Trustees, and of the Treasurer, be accepted and published under the direction of the Board of Trustees.

On motion, the President appointed a committee to nominate officers of the Society for the ensuing year.

The committee reported the following-named gentlemen for the several offices of President, Vice-Presidents, and Trustees, all of whom were duly elected:—

### OFFICERS FOR 1869-70.

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REV. LEONARD BACON, D. D., New Haven, Conn.

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Officers appointed by the Board of Trustees:—

*Corresponding Secretaries.*

Rev. RAY PALMER, D. D., 49 Bible House, New York.  
 Rev. CHRISTOPHER CUSHING, 16 Tremont Temple, Boston.

*Treasurer and Recording Secretary.*

N. A. CALKINS, 146 Grand Street, New York.

The following Resolution was then adopted unanimously:—

*Resolved*, That, in view of the pressing wants of a large number of feeble churches desirous of erecting houses of worship and looking to us for aid and encouragement, the Trustees are requested to make a vigorous effort the coming year at least to double our receipts. And as one person has generously offered to give *five thousand dollars*, if not less than fifty thousand shall be raised, we recommend to the Trustees to call the attention of all the Congregational churches of the country to the above proposition and urge every church to take up a collection for this object.

The meeting then adjourned.

N. A. CALKINS,  
*Recording Secretary.*

## THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

### PRELIMINARY REMARKS.

THE Trustees of the Union gladly avail themselves of another opportunity of giving an account of their stewardship. It is profitable, as each year closes, to review carefully its labors, difficulties, and successes. It is highly important to every benevolent institution, that those interested in it be kept fully informed in reference to its work. Christian sympathy with a good cause must be intelligent in order to be steady and enduring.

It was not with a view to meet some one want of the great Congregational brotherhood, but many, that the Congregational Union was originally organized. It was perceived that the time had come for a wide and rapid diffusion of the principles which in New England have borne fruits that have awakened the admiration of the world. The Congregational churches, from the days of the Pilgrims, have been the advocates of general, and, to the greatest extent practicable, of the highest education. They have believed in a free conscience, a free Bible, a free worship; a piety of spiritual affections and not of ritualistic forms; a theology sound, but not crystallized; and a local church complete in itself, yet not isolated, but maintaining the fellowship of the saints. It was impossible but that those who were reared under the influence of such churches should feel constrained to plant others like them when, leaving the homes of their childhood, they went to lay the foundations of social life in the newer States. But when they had been doing this for a course of years, and were called on to do it with greater and greater rapidity, it was felt that there should exist some channel of fraternal intercommunication, some central agency for the promotion of acquaintance and mutual helpfulness among the scattered ministers and churches, and especially of confidence and co-operation between the East and the West. Formed to attain these and kindred ends, the American Congregational Union has already accomplished a great work, far greater than even its sanguine friends ventured to anticipate at the beginning. Still, like all new movements, it has required time and labor for its development. It commenced on a limited scale, and has felt its way to larger activities.

### POSITION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

Both the time and place of the organization of the Union are now clearly seen to have been wisely ordered of God. The great crisis in our national history was soon to throw open the whole country, and give new impulse



to Christian enterprise. This was eminently the time to move. The city of New York was wisely chosen as the place for such an institution. Experience has abundantly shown this to be the true seat of its operations. This great commercial centre of the country, to which so many of the members of the widely scattered churches are continually coming, offers facilities for the prosecution of its work such as could nowhere else be found. Here, too, is planted and rooted the American Home Missionary Society, the mother of churches and the basis of large hopes for the future. The objects of the Union and its methods of working are in many respects quite distinct from those of that society. Yet in the particular work of church extension they are so closely allied as to make each the supplement and natural adjunct of the other. Each has frequent occasion to take cognizance of the doings of the other. The Union constantly receives the most important help from the agents of the Home Missionary Society in the gathering of reliable information in relation to the churches which apply for aid in building. It is, therefore, not merely a convenience, but a necessity, that these two associations, each pursuing its own ends, should work always side by side.

#### THE PAST YEAR.

During the past year the Secretary at Boston has laboriously pursued the work of enlisting the ministers and churches in the support of the Union, and especially in its great enterprise of church extension. From Sabbath to Sabbath he has presented the subject at the most important points, and, by public addresses and private letters and conversations, has sought to secure regular and liberal contributions to the treasury, and has received and taken charge of the funds contributed in New England. The correspondence for New England has especially devolved upon him, and he has also represented the Union in the Congregational Quarterly, through each number of which brief reports of its doings and wants have been laid before the public. This important periodical has, with the beginning of the present year, been enlarged and made more valuable than ever to the pastors and intelligent laymen in our churches. The biographical notices of distinguished ministers published in it are alone worth more every year than it costs; while the statistical tables, on which Dr. Quint bestows so much labor, are indispensable to those who would understand the position and progress of Congregationalism in our country.

An extensive correspondence has been maintained during the year by the Secretary at New York. Applications for grants are commonly preceded by letters of inquiry. In respect to each application, complete and reliable information must be obtained, the important facts relating to each case digested carefully and laid before the Trustees. After their action the result must

be transmitted to each applicant, and it is often necessary subsequently to explain and discuss at length the action of the Board. Besides attending to the correspondence relating to grants made to churches outside of New England for the erection of houses of worship, he has received and answered a great number of letters from ministers inquiring respecting fields of labor; from churches in pursuit of pastors; from brethren in remote fields desiring information, or asking counsel, on various subjects connected with the common work. Something has been attempted and, it is hoped, accomplished in the way of harmonizing discordant views between different sections, and cheering the hearts of brethren in the new fields by assurances of sympathy and remembrance. Larger demands are made each year on his time by those who, coming from different parts of the country, desire to confer with him. To these duties is added the care of making the collections in the extra New England field.

Both the Secretaries have attended and addressed the annual meetings of the principal ecclesiastical bodies East and West, as circumstances have permitted.

The financial affairs of the Union have been managed with great fidelity and care by the Treasurer. In determining the often difficult questions which arise in connection with the payment of grants and the adjustment of details under the legal provisions of the different States in relation to ecclesiastical property and to the securities held by the Union, he has bestowed no small amount of time and labor. He has well deserved the thanks of the churches.

The Congregational ministers of our name in New York, Brooklyn, and the surrounding region have continued through the year to hold their monthly meetings in the rooms of the Union at the Bible House. These meetings are well attended. They afford opportunity for mutual greetings, and for consultation in regard to the interests of the churches; while the discussion of practical topics, assigned from month to month, are spirited and useful.

#### NEW LINES OF EFFORT.

The attention of the Trustees has been called in the course of the year to the desirableness of anticipating the future wants of the churches that are sure soon to be planted along the great railroads across the continent and other important routes through the newly opened regions. Those intrusted with the management of the affairs of these roads being desirous by a liberal policy to invite the settlement of colonies of the best class along their track, and, with a view to this, being disposed to grant sites for church edifices,—to be held until actually needed,—if application by responsible persons should be made, a committee has been appointed to seek such grants

in a proper manner and by appropriate means. It will be of great advantage to the roads, and will greatly aid in the establishment of Christian institutions, if lots can be secured in eligible positions, on which churches may be built in due time, before the land in the hands of speculators has come to command an exorbitant price. It is anticipated that important results may be connected with this movement, should it succeed.

It is also proposed to use the influence of the Union, so far as possible, for the encouragement of the building of parsonages in connection with houses of worship. It would greatly relieve the privations of home missionaries and their families — of all ministers, indeed — in the newer regions, and would doubtless help to give greater stability to the ministry, if a comfortable home were connected with every Christian sanctuary. The Board, in determining the amount to be granted to particular churches, will hereafter take into account the fact, when known, of the purpose to erect a parsonage, and will regard it as an argument in favor of the largest practicable grant. Even a little encouragement in this direction, it is believed, will often be effectual.

#### THE WORK OF CHURCH-BUILDING.

We have referred in former years to the vast extent of the field which has been so rapidly opened and is so fast becoming filled with people. We need not recite the details anew. We will simply say that, through the efficient aid of the American Home Missionary Society, ministers of approved character are being sent forth to plant churches wherever the materials are found; and that these young churches, in order to take root and grow up with the growing towns and cities, *must at the outset* have houses in which they may meet for worship. To leave them to struggle on without church edifices, is almost certainly a fatal policy. In the growth of the population they are speedily left behind, and error and unbelief gain not only a foothold but an ascendancy. With even so little aid as a few hundred dollars given at the right time, they are placed on a sure foundation, — are soon able themselves to support the gospel, and become contributors to all branches of Christian charity.

During the past year the Union has paid grants in full to *sixty-four churches*, and in part to three others, making *sixty-seven in all*.

It now stands pledged in full to twenty-nine churches, and in part to two others, making *thirty-one altogether*; and it has nine additional applications before it, on which no action has yet been taken.

The amount of appropriations paid to churches the past year was (\$28,690.35) twenty-eight thousand six hundred and ninety dollars and thirty-five cents. The amount now pledged by vote of the Trustees is (\$13,200) thirteen thousand two hundred dollars. Total given and pledged, \$41,890.35.

The number of churches *completed* within the year by the aid of the Union is sixty-five. The entire cost of these was \$233,947. Thus it is that the small gifts of the Union stimulate individual effort and develop the resources and energy of the young church organizations. If almost two hundred and thirty-four thousand dollars' worth of property has been secured permanently to the service of religion by what the Union has done in a single year, it is most gratifying to think of the grand total thus secured since the work of aiding to build churches was begun. The average cost of each church completed the past year has been \$3,600.

That the entire magnitude of the church-building work may be understood, it may here be stated that the number of churches aided by means of the fund raised by recommendation of the Convention at Albany was two hundred and thirty. The Congregational Union has paid grants to three hundred and eighty-three, all but three of which are finished. The entire number of churches which have received assistance since the holding of the Albany Convention is, therefore, *six hundred and thirteen*.\* Is not this a result of Christian effort to be contemplated with unmingled satisfaction? Has not the charity of the churches contributing been well expended in opening so many fountains of spiritual life which shall flow to refresh and save generations not yet born?

#### AVERAGE AMOUNTS GIVEN.

It has been the desire and earnest endeavor of the Union to relieve the pastors and churches entirely from private and special applications, which were found to be in many ways disastrous to the general work. The Trustees have accordingly made it a fixed rule, that any church which makes direct appeal in its own behalf to the contributing churches, except in its own immediate neighborhood, precludes itself thereby from receiving any grant from the Union. It is a manifest injustice to the great body of needy churches for a small number, by personal appeals, to obtain more than their fair proportion of what will be given for church erection. It deranges or prevents also the systematic collections of the churches, which it is of the utmost importance to maintain. But while wishing to preclude any from taking unfair advantage of the rest, the Board has granted on the average a larger amount to each church than was given in the earlier years of this good work. The average sum paid to each church from the Albany fund by the several committees was only two hundred and thirty-four dollars. The average paid to each that has been aided the past year is four hundred and twelve dollars.

\* About \$10,000 besides the above were raised as a special fund in aid of church-building before the Union entered upon this work. Of the results secured by this second fund we have no certain information.

Assistance has been granted from the first to eight churches in building second houses of worship. These were exceptional cases, two having been destroyed by tornadoes, two burned by the rebels in the course of the war, and one by accident. Two were originally small and temporary, and one was removed on account of a change in the business centre of the town. But except in the case of the three destroyed by fire, the amount paid towards both houses has not exceeded the sum of five hundred dollars.

Of the whole number of churches aided by the Union, seven have disbanded, or sold out their property. Three of these have paid back to the treasury of the Union the full sums received from it, and two others more than double the amount originally granted them. One has paid back the grant made to them in part, and will pay the remainder as soon as the property can be sold. By holding the deed of the property of the remaining one the Union is secured.

In no single instance has an appropriation made by the Congregational Union, since it undertook the work of church-building, been lost to the cause.

#### SPECIAL GRANTS.

In those cases where personal friends or churches in the immediate neighborhood of a particular church are disposed to aid it, their doing so will not be regarded as barring a grant from the Union. But it is earnestly recommended that such special gifts *pass through the treasury of the Union*. There are two important advantages in this. First, the individuals or churches by whom such donations are made will then have due credit for their contributions to the cause; and secondly, the amount so given will go to the church receiving it as a special and additional grant, *under the same conditions* as the other grants of the Union. If the church proves a failure, or ceases to be a Congregational church, the money will be paid back, as in the case of regular grants, to the treasury of the Union to be given to other churches. But if individuals, or neighboring churches, pay their donations directly to the church which they desire to aid, and it fails, or departs from the faith, the money will, of course, be lost.

#### COLLECTIONS AND LEGACIES.

It is encouraging to find that a greater number of churches have remembered the claim, so special and urgent, which this great work of church erection makes upon them during the past year than on the year preceding. That two legacies of ten thousand dollars each, together with some smaller ones, have been announced as left to aid it, is proof that thoughtful Christian people are beginning to have some just understanding of the subject. We cannot but hope that many more will be anxious so to dis-



tribute their property that they may by it, long after they are dead, be giving the gospel and all Christian influences to the sinful and the needy, may hear in heaven of blessed revivals and souls in multitudes converted unto God in the earthly sanctuaries which they have virtually built.

#### RESPONSES FROM CHURCHES AIDED.

A pastor writes to the Treasurer: "I am requested, on behalf of the church, to tender our sincere thanks to yourself and the officers of the Congregational Union for their kindness to us in our time of need. It has enabled us to complete our house and rejoice in its being free from debt. We have a neat and very substantial house of worship, which secures to us our proper position as a religious body in the community. Thus we have a fair prospect, under God, of building up his cause. Already we hear our friends speaking of the time when we trust we shall become a self-sustaining church. I think in one year we shall accomplish this desired result. Some who have contributed liberally, according to their means, towards the erection of the church building, have not as yet been able to secure a home for themselves. We thank God and take courage. We shall gladly remember the promptness with which the Congregational Union came to our help, and shall willingly respond to it year by year. May God prosper you in your noble efforts to secure the erection of temples to his worship!"

In a similar strain another writes: "We can never forget the Congregational Union. As yet we are weak, and cannot walk alone. But our place is growing, and so is the church. In a few years, with God's blessing, the church will be self-sustaining. Our Sabbath school has increased to such an extent that we have been obliged to disband the infant class entirely. We are talking of enlarging the chapel the present season."

"I am truly thankful," says another, "that I can say that our church edifice is completed at last, and that the grant of the Union will cover all our indebtedness. What we owe is due for the lumber. God has indeed blessed us, and we have at last a spiritual home, which we could not have secured without help."

From one more letter: "I trust the church will faithfully perform its pledge of taking up a collection each year to aid the Congregational Union. It has a large claim upon us. We have abundant reason to thank God that he has permitted us to enter our present house of worship. It is situated in the centre of business, in a very pleasant location, nearly surrounded by trees and ready of access. It presents a neat and homelike appearance. Our seats are rented, with the exception of a few reserved for strangers. The encouragement and aid afforded us by the Congregational Union prompted our friends to effort in doing what they have

accomplished. We especially thank the Union. This stands on record on our church book."

It cannot fail to afford pleasure to those who have contributed to the funds of the Union to see how great the good that immediately results from the building of a house of worship where it was needed. A new impulse, ordinarily, is at once given to the growth of the church and to the progress of religion, and in many cases the enterprise soon becomes able to sustain itself without asking further assistance from the Home Missionary Society. Once planted, free from debt, the church takes permanent root and grows naturally and healthfully with the growth of the community, till it comes to be surrounded with such other educational and Christian institutions as are needed for the elevation and adornment of society. It is a really heart-stirring thought that from six to seven hundred such centres of moral light and beauty have already been established within the brief period that has passed since the enterprise of giving assistance in the building of houses of worship was commenced, and that these churches have felt such joy and thankfulness and courage as have been expressed in the letters above quoted.

#### GENERAL VIEWS OF OUR WORK.

Every year's experience shows, with increased clearness, that the cause of pure religion and the future well-being of our country demand of the Congregational churches a more definite purpose and more earnest zeal in reference to the diffusion of those great principles for which our ancestors endured so much. The signs of the times are ominous of a new and determined contest, or, perhaps it is better to say, a resuming of the old contest with new energy between evangelical Christianity, pure, catholic, free, and a ritualistic, mechanical, superstitious ecclesiasticism, alike fatal to the purity of religious life and to the liberty into which, according to the Scriptures, every child of God is born. It is the same battle that has been going on with various fortunes through all the later centuries, especially since Luther. The world can never be transformed by the power of the gospel, till spiritual Christianity is vindicated, and religious freedom, as opposed to authority over the conscience, thoroughly established.

But notwithstanding that the Congregationalism of New England has made her the land of large-minded and strong men, the home of free thought, of general education, of social order and comfort, and the mother of religious catholicity, beyond any other equal portion of the world, too many of her sons and daughters have grown inattentive to the peculiar principles and spirit of the Pilgrim churches. They have been reaping the rich fruits of ancestral piety, wisdom, and self-sacrifice, without reflecting to whom and to what they owe them. There are even those of Puritan descent who have so lost the high principle and the noble religious spirit of the Fathers

of New England, that they seem indifferent to the opportunities for the planting of Congregational churches over the whole country and the diffusion of that theology which, while it is soundly evangelical and orthodox, is in the true sense liberal, and is progressive and vitalizing in its influence. Such, under the plea, perhaps, that they fear sectarianism, oppose denominational activity; as though it were not a Christian duty to have positive convictions as to the best methods of promoting the Saviour's cause, and to work in accordance with them. That is an unfruitful spirit which does little or nothing but carp at the means by which others are striving to do good.

What, as Congregationalists, we eminently need is not a narrow and sectarian zeal, but an enlightened and loving purpose to establish, as widely as practicable in our country, that church polity which makes ecclesiastical oppression impossible, and gives to spiritual religion the pre-eminence which Christ and his gospel assign to it. The fact that, on every side, there is a manifest design to carry back the religious world to the errors and abuses against which the Reformation was a protest; that the battle is yet to be fought out between priestly and churchly despotism, on the one hand, and the simplicity of gospel truth, which, in its spiritual freeness, offers eternal life to all who will believe in Christ, on the other, renders it, perhaps, more than ever the imperative duty of all who have Pilgrim blood in their veins to stand by the Pilgrim faith and discipline. To maintain these in a Christian spirit and with the largest charity towards all who love Christ, is, we are persuaded, to do that which is most likely to secure Christian liberty to all and to render the religious life of our country most intelligent and pure. Let there be found in every part of the land a large body of educated and evangelical Christians who hold to the essential completeness of the local Church; let there be a great fellowship of churches in which sound doctrine, salutary discipline, and exemplary piety are exhibited, with entire freedom from ecclesiastical machinery and sacerdotal pageantry and pretension, and it will not be easy for spiritual despotism to reign in any church organization. Religious freedom will be secured as a national inheritance from generation to generation. It is the duty of all Congregationalists, therefore, for the sake of their country and the world, to disseminate their principles. As our churches have led the way in most of the great benevolent movements of the present century in this hemisphere, so, we may be sure, their influence will continue to be effective for good, and to be generally acknowledged.

#### CONCLUDING WORDS.

It is with such views as these that the Trustees of the Congregational Union turn once more to the churches with an urgent appeal for a more

general and vigorous co-operation in the great work to which providentially God is specially calling us as one of the tribes of Israel. The work of church erection in particular ought to be prosecuted on a much more extensive scale. It will be impossible to do what the exigency requires of us unless the pastors, who certainly ought to comprehend the existing state of things, will lay the matter before their flocks from year to year, and ask contributions to the treasury of the Union. If many pastors, or those in the stronger churches even, neglect to do this; if collections are only made when special pressure is applied, and not with regularity and from a hearty interest in the work; if the Board, for want of means, is obliged to disappoint the hopes of those who, weighed down with many burdens incident to the settlement of new regions, are striving to build sanctuaries and calling on them for aid, — we shall accomplish comparatively little where we ought to do a work to be thankfully recognized by coming ages. The Trustees and executive officers of the Union will do what they can. But the work is not chiefly theirs. Under Christ, it is the work of the Congregational ministers and churches East and West. Let it be remembered that he that provideth not for his own hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel. What minister or church can consent to lie under the rebuke of the Saviour of all by indifference to the wants and the entreaties of those who are members of the same Christian household with himself? Let each do his own duty.

It is hoped also that godly men and women who are making arrangements for the final disposition of their property will deeply ponder, before deciding to what objects to apply it, the value of a Christian sanctuary set in the midst of a growing population, and will place at the disposal of the Union the means of aiding in the erection of one or of many such houses of worship. Happy the disciple who, when he departs to be with Christ, shall know that through his benefactions waters shall break forth in the desert, and thanksgiving and the voice of melody be heard in the waste places of the wilderness down to unborn generations! The bequest of \$10,000 by the late Mr. Sanford, of New Haven, and the same amount by Mrs. Bartlett, of Windsor Locks, would, if funded, build each one church a year in all time to come. In what other way can any one perpetuate his influence so effectively and surely? Who will follow these examples of Christian generosity and wisdom? The Master must smile on offerings such as these.

By order of the Board of Trustees.

RAY PALMER,  
CHRISTOPHER CUSHING, } *Secretaries.*

## THE TREASURER'S REPORT OF RECEIPTS.

THE following is a complete list of all the contributions received, from May 1, 1868, to May 1, 1869, by N. A. CALKINS, *Treasurer*, 146 Grand Street, New York. The figure (2) preceding a contribution denotes that the amount was received from two collections. The letter (s) denotes that the contribution was designated for a *special* appropriation.

## MAINE.

Auburn,	Cong. Church	\$ 30.00
Bath, Winter St.	" "	51.10
Biddeford,	2d " "	12.00
Brunswick,	" "	15.00
Cornish, Village	" "	10.00
Dedham,	" "	13.00
Falmouth,	" "	10.00
Kennebunk, Union	" "	47.81
Old Town,	1st " "	13.00
Portland, Bethel	" "	7.00
Presque Isle,	" "	6.50
Rumford,	" "	10.00
South Berwick,	" "	37.85
Temple,	" "	6.00
Weld,	" "	3.40
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		\$ 272.66

## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Acworth,	Cong. Church	\$ 9.18
Derry,	1st " "	20.26
Dover,	1st " "	32.00
Exeter,	1st " "	52.35
Francestown,	" "	34.90
Gilsum, Legacy Dea.	Amherst	
Hayward		94.00
Gorham,	Cong. Church	11.00
Great Falls (Somersworth),	1st	
	Cong. Church	24.00
Hollis,	" "	20.40
Kensington,	" "	4.00
Manchester,	1st " "	115.00
Nashua, Olive St.	" "	35.27
New Ipswich,	" "	28.25
" "	The Children's Fair	2.00
Raymond,	Cong. Church	10.00
Seabrook and Hampton Falls		
	Cong. Church	13.00
West Lebanon,	" "	17.00
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		\$ 522.61

## VERMONT.

Addison County,	anonymous	\$ 8.00
Brattleboro' Centre Church		126.00
" West, Cong. Church		20.50
Burlington, 1st Calv.	" "	63.50
Castleton,	1st " "	21.00
Coventry,	" "	25.00
Johnson,	" "	14.88
Lyndon,	" "	7.32
Middlebury,	" "	22.27
Northfield,	" "	10.81
N. Hyde Park,	1st " "	5.00
Norwich,	" "	19.00
Orwell,	" "	52.00
Pittsford,	" "	21.50
St. Johnsbury, S.	" "	35.61
" " N.	" "	26.27
Waitsfield,	" "	10.00
West Charlestown,	" "	6.00
Weybridge,	" "	38.00
Woodstock, Mason Ladd, Esq.		50.00
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		\$ 582.66

## MASSACHUSETTS.

Acton,	Evang. Cong. Ch.	\$ 3.00
Arlington, Orthodox	" "	86.50
Ashby,	2d " "	10.52
Attleboro',	2d " "	25.00
" Sab. Sch.	2d " "	34.39
Barre,	Evang. " "	(s) 19.60
Beverly, Wash. St.	" "	10.28
Boston, Shawmut Church,		786.04
" Mt. Vernon	" (\$60 s)	492.23
" Old South	" "	205.00
" Eliot	" "	168.88
" South, Phillips Church,		76.41
" East, Maverick	" "	55.30
" Rev. C. Cushing		250.00
" Miss Caroline Newman		100.00
" a friend in Essex St. Church		1.00
" Henry F. Durant, Esq. (s)		500.00
Bridgewater, 1st Trin. Cong. Ch.		12.00



Brighton,	Cong. Ch.	\$ 46.14	North Hadley,	2d Cong. Ch.	\$ 31.00
Brookfield, Evang.	" " (s)	50.00	North Middleboro',	" "	21.00
Cambridge,	1st " "	115.80	Oakham,	" " (s)	18.00
"	North Avenue Ortho-		Pepperell	" "	20.00
"	dox Cong. Church	57.00	Pittsfield, Sab. Sch., S.	" "	50.00
"	Miss L. C. Tenney	10.00	Reading, Old South	" "	19.00
"	East, Evang. Cong. Ch.	42.81	" Bethesda	" "	52.00
Cambridgeport, 1st	" "	162.88	Scituate, 1st Trin.	" "	10.50
Canton,	" "	14.00	Seekonk,	" "	12.00
Charlestown, 1st	" "	54.16	Sharon,	1st " "	20.00
"	Winthrop	107.82	Somerset,	" "	6.00
Chelsea, Winnisimmet	" "	80.33	Southampton,	" "	14.00
"	Miss M. I. Chittenden	.50	South Dedham,	" "	28.36
Chicopee, 3d Cong. Church		11.28	" Egremont,	" "	18.50
Clinton,	Charles L. Swan	100.00	South Natick, John Eliot	" "	16.50
Cohasset, Beech Woods Cong. Ch.		8.90	" Reading, Cong.	" "	60.17
Essex,	1st " "	20.00	" Weymouth, Union	" "	14.25
Fall River,	Central " "	157.11	Spencer,	" " (s)	45.50
Franklin,	1st " "	36.84	Springfield, South	" "	50.00
Freetown,	" "	8.51	"	1st Church of Christ	55.40
Greenfield,	2d " "	40.00	Sturbridge,	Cong. Ch. (s)	33.00
Groton Junction, Ortho.	" "	25.00	Taunton, Trin.	" "	47.11
Groveland,	" "	11.00	Townsend, Orthodox	" "	5.39
Hardwick, 1st Calv. Cong. Ch. (s)		15.25	Walpole, Orthodox	" "	31.85
"	Rev. W. Leonard (s)	10.00	Waltham,	" "	30.50
Holland,	Cong. Church	5.00	Ware,	East " " (s)	51.69
Holliston,	1st " "	20.00	"	1st " " (s)	10.00
Jamaica Plain, (W. Roxbury, )			Watertown, Phillips	" "	13.50
E. K. Butler, \$ 30.00 ; Mrs. F.		40.00	West Boylston,	" "	12.00
Senior, \$ 10.00			" Brookfield,	" " (s)	27.00
Lakeville,	Cong. Ch.	10.00	" Medway, 2d	" "	17.12
Lawrence, Eliot	" "	13.25	" Roxbury, S. Evan. Cong. Ch.		56.77
Leicester,	1st " "	45.00	" Springfield, 1st	" "	21.68
Leominster, Evan.	" " (2)	50.50	" " Mittineaque	" "	10.00
Littleton, Ortho.	" "	10.00	" Tisbury,	" "	6.00
Lowell,	1st " " (s)	51.53	Whitinsville, (Northbridge,)		
"	John Street " " (s)	25.91	Dea. John C. Whitin		1,000.00
Lynn,	1st " "	51.30	"	estate of late E. W.	
Malden,	1st " "	19.00	"	Fletcher	100.00
Marblehead,	3d " "	11.00	Wilmington, 1st Cong. Church		25.61
Medford, Mystic	" "	157.78	Woburn,	" "	117.00
Medway, Village	" "	20.00	Worcester, S. Sch. Old South Ch.		21.50
Methuen,	1st " "	50.00	" Ladies' Asso.	" "	100.00
Middlefield,	" "	49.62	"	David Whitcomb, Esq.	100.00
Monson, Deacon A. W. Porter		1,000.00	Jewelry by a Lady		15.00
"	Cong. Ch.	60.45			
Neponset, (Dorchester)	Trinity				
"	Cong. Ch.	18.50			\$ 9,181.67
New Braintree,	" "	17.50			
"	" " (s)	118.52			
Newburyport, Whitfield Cong. Ch.		21.00			
Newton,	Eliot " "	189.65			
Northampton,	1st " "	529.19	Bristol,	Cong. Church	\$ 8.50
"	Edwards " "	43.85	Pawtucket, Rev. C. Blodgett, D. D.		5.00
North Andover, Evan.	" "	14.09	Providence, Beneficent Church		220.90
North Brookfield, 1st	" " (s)	79.30	"	High St. Cong.	" 102.61
"	" Union " " (s)	23.35	"	Richmond	" 50.72
			"	Elmwood	" 30.00

## RHODE ISLAND.

Tiverton, Rev. A. L. Whitman \$ 5.00  
 Westerly, Cong. Church 6.00

\$ 428.73

### CONNECTICUT.

Bethel, Cong. Church \$ 12.00  
 Birmingham, " " 24.47  
 Bristol, " " 57.25  
 Canterbury, " " 8.00  
 Colchester, Rev. S. G. Willard 5.00  
 Danbury, 1st Cong. Church 40.00  
 Deep River (Saybrook), Cong. Ch. 12.60  
 East Hartford, Cong. Church 104.00  
 East Woodstock, " " 14.00  
 Greenwich, 2d Cong. Church 58.00  
 Griswold, 1st " " 32.00  
 Hartford, 1st " " 220.00  
 " Pearl Street " " 172 13  
 " Park " " 58.15  
 " Asylum Hill " " 206.43  
 Jewett City, " " 16.00  
 Lebanon, South " " 37.15  
 Litchfield, " " 50.00  
 Middlebury, " " 21.67  
 New Britain, South " " 76.23  
 " " Centre " " 92.20  
 New Hartford, North " " 30.60  
 New Haven, Wm. Johnson, Esq. 500.00  
 " " Mrs. Lois Chaplin 50.00  
 " " Rev. W. H. Whitte-  
 more 20.00  
 " " 1st Cong. Church 144.84  
 " " North " " 104.45  
 " " Chapel St. " " 60.00  
 " " Howe " " 46.00  
 " " Yale College " 22.00  
 " " R. Furbie 10.00  
 Norwich, Broadway  
 Cong. Church 153.20  
 " 2d " " 88.77  
 Plainville, " " 48.00  
 Plantsville (Southington),  
 Cong. Ch. 30.31  
 Plymouth, " " 15.00  
 Rockville (Vernon), 2d " " 109.75  
 Simsbury, " " 29.00  
 Southbury, " " 15.00  
 Stamford, " " 76.00  
 Thomaston (Plymouth), " " 132.50  
 " " A friend 50.00  
 Trumbull, " " 12.00  
 Washington, " " 28.00  
 Waterbury, 1st " " 70.19  
 " 2d " " 187.51  
 Watertown, " " 39.00

West Hartford, Cong. Church \$ 100.00  
 West Killingly, Westfield

Cong. Church 6.80  
 Windsor, 1st " " 54.75  
 Windsor Locks, " " 80.38  
 " " Legacy of Mrs. E.  
 H. Bartlett, in part 8,800.00  
 Wolcott, Cong. Church 5.25

\$ 12,436.08

### NEW YORK STATE.

Angola, Cong. Church \$8.00  
 Antwerp, " " 13.00  
 Bay Shore, " " 10.00  
 Brooklyn, Clinton Avenue " 513.00  
 " " " " (s) 153.38  
 " Plymouth Church 184.49  
 " Puritan " 84.00  
 " Church of Pilgrims 316.83  
 " " " (s) 500.00  
 " South Cong. Church (s) 376.97  
 Canandaigua, 1st Cong. Church 95.39  
 Fairport, " " 20.00  
 Flatbush, St. Paul's " " 6.00  
 (colored)  
 Franklin, 1st " " 31.50  
 Frewsburg, " " 5.00  
 Gloversville, " " 109.00  
 Harpersfield, " " 17.70  
 Harrisville, " " 5.23  
 Henrietta, 1st " " 11.75  
 Holland Patent, Welsh Cong. Ch. 5.00  
 Homer, Mrs. Electa Root 75.00  
 Lockport, " " 30.00  
 Lumberland, " " 2.35  
 Mannsville, " " 6.00  
 Middle Granville, Welsh " " 5.00  
 " " Jamesville 2d  
 Welsh Cong. Church 4.00  
 Moira, 1st " " 5.00  
 Morrisville, " " 5.50  
 New Haven, " " 25.55  
 New York City, Broadway Tab-  
 ernacle Church 605.24  
 " " " Harlem Cg. " 100.00  
 " " " C. R. Law 3.00  
 " " " Mrs. H. W. Mer-  
 riam (s) 25.00  
 Otto, Cong. Church 20.00  
 Patchogue, " " 10.20  
 Portchester, Jonas Mead 1.00  
 Royalton, 1st Cong. Church 10.75  
 Smyrna, " " 10.45  
 Tarrytown, Charles Bowen 5.00  
 Trenton, Welsh Cong. Church 10.00

Turin, Welsh Cong. Church	\$ 5.00
Wading River, Cong. Church	6.50
Warsaw, " "	48.49
Westmoreland, 1st " "	5.50

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\$ 3,490.77

## NEW JERSEY.

Elizabeth Port, 1st Cong. Society,	
[on acct. of loan]	\$ 700.00
Orange, Orange Valley Cong. Church (54 s.)	124.00

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\$ 824.00

## PENNSYLVANIA.

Morris Run, Welsh Cong. Ch.	\$ 20.00
Philadelphia, Central " "	62.50
Pittsburg, Welsh " "	20.19

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\$ 102.69

## MARYLAND.

Baltimore, 1st Cong. Church	\$ 39.76
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## OHIO.

Claridon, Cong. Church	\$ 16.00
Cuyahoga Falls, " "	15.12
Geneva, " "	30.07
Hampden, " "	7.50
Hudson, " "	21.00
Mansfield, " "	240.06
Marietta, 1st " "	76.60
Mill Creek, (Providence) Con. Ch.	2.50
Olive Green, (Kingston Centre P. O.) Cong. Church	6.00
Painesville, 1st " "	329.85
Springfield, " "	22.60

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\$ 767.30

## INDIANA.

Terre Haute, Cong. Church	\$ 89.73
" " Sab. School of Cong. Church	5.36

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\$ 95.09

## ILLINOIS.

Abingdon, Cong. Church appropriation refunded	\$ 250.00
" Proceeds from sale Cong. Church property	427.00

Albany, Cong. Church	\$ 3.00
Atkinson, " "	12.85
Beardstown, " "	50.00
Blue Island, " "	7.25

Bowensburg, 1st " " of Chili	6.70
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Champaign, Cong. Church	16.00
Chesterfield, Cong. " (s)	5.35
Chicago, New Eng. " "	149.62
" Plymouth " "	38.59

Coal Valley, " "	4.00
Dement, " "	10.00
Dundee, " "	16.12
Durand, " "	7.00
Elmwood, " "	50.93

Farmington, " "	25.00
Galesburg, 1st " "	66.00
Galva, " "	9.00
Geneva, " "	9.00
Granville, " "	19.15

Gridley, " "	6.70
Griggsville, 1st " "	28.00
Harvard, " "	11.25
Hillsboro', " " (s)	15.50
Jefferson, " "	9.10

Lacon, " "	20.00
Lamoille, " "	20.00
Lawn Ridge, " "	7.00
Lisbon, " "	29.00
Lyonsville, " "	5.00

Marseilles, " "	4.00
Mendon, " "	26.50
Milburn, " "	4.00
Montabello, " "	13.20
Morrison, 1st " "	29.00
Newark, " "	3.00

Ottawa, Plymouth " "	29.42
Paxton, " "	15.00
Pittsfield, Rev. William Carter	5.00
Plainfield, " "	10.00
Port Byron, Cong. Church	2.50

Prairie City, " "	20.00
Providence, " "	7.85
Rockford, 2d " "	63.61
Rosemond, " "	9.35
Roseville, 1st " "	12.00

Sandwich, " "	29.18
Shirland, " "	6.00
Sterling, 1st " "	17.60
Summer Hill, " "	7.00
Sycamore, " " [acct. of contribution for 1866]	8.25

" Cong. Church	13.00
Toulon, " "	19.23
Viola, " "	5.90
Waukegan, " "	6.25
Waverly, " "	5.00

Winnebago,	Cong. Church	\$ 18.16
Woodstock,	" "	21.00
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		\$ 1,745.11

## MICHIGAN.

Adrian,	Plymouth Church	\$23.00
Augusta,	Cong. "	24.35
Bedford,	1st " "	8.00
Bridgehampton,	" "	3.62
Brownstown,	1st " "	6.50
Delta,	S. and E. Troop	2.00
Detroit,	1st Cong. Church	96 50
"	2d " "	25.00
Grand Ledge,	" "	3.50
Grand Rapids,	1st " "	37.02
Kalamazoo,	1st " "	94.37
Keeler,	" "	3.25
Laingsbury,	" "	10.00
Lawrence,	" "	6.00
Lenawee,	" "	7.00
Mattawan,	" "	10.50
Medina,	2d " "	3.00
Memphis,	" "	5.00
Muskegon,	1st " "	21.00
Olivet,	" "	87.20
"	From friends, by Rev.	
Hiram Elder		5.00
Otsego,	Cong. Church	17.00
Owasso,	1st " "	6.60
Pent Water,	1st " "	13.50
Port Huron,	" "	11.20
Port Sanilac,	" (2) "	12.00
Ray,	" "	1.10
Rockford,	" "	8.50
Romeo,	" "	23.10
South Haven,	" "	8.11
St. Johns,	1st " "	11.00
Summit,	" "	24.00
Three Oaks,	" "	5.00
Wayne,	" "	5.00
Whitewater,	" "	5.00
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		\$ 632.92

## WISCONSIN.

Allen's Grove,	Cong. Church	\$ 10.00
Bangor,	" "	2.25
Beloit,	1st " "	37.85
Black Earth,	" "	6.20
Bloomfield,	" "	16.00
Boscobel,	" "	8.00
Brandon,	" "	7.25
Bristol,	" "	8.50
Brodhead,	" "	15.70
Dartford,	" "	6.75
Delevan,	" "	46.38

De Soto,	Cong. Church	\$ 8.35
Evansville,	" "	10.00
Fish Creek, Welsh	" "	5.55
Fox Lake,	" "	8.28
Genesee,	" "	8.00
Grand Rapids,	" "	4.50
Janesville,	1st " "	110.66
Johnston, Individuals and Cong.		
Church		18.80
Lake Mills,	Cong. Church	7.38
Menasha,	1st " "	18.15
Monroe,	" "	14.00
New London,	" "	5.00
Oshkosh, Welsh	" "	6.75
Pine River,	" "	5.00
Platteville,	" "	21.15
Plymouth,	" "	12.55
Princeton,	" "	4.00
Racine,	1st " "	5.50
Ripon,	" "	9.50
River Falls,	" "	11.85
Royalton,	1st " "	7.50
Sheboygan Falls,	" "	6.00
Sterling,	" "	4.25
Stoughton,	" "	4.00
Sun Prairie,	" " for	
1868 - 9		25.00
Trempleau,	Cong. Church	12.00
Viroqua,	" "	9.00
Waterloo,	" (2) "	15.75
Waupun,	" "	15.00
West Eau Claire, Rev. G. Spald'g		10.00
West Salem,	Cong. Church	21.55
Wheatland,	" "	3.25
Whitewater,	" "	8.00
Windsor,	" "	22.04
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		\$ 623.19

## MINNESOTA.

Cannon Falls,	Cong. Church	\$ 5.00
Clear Water,	" "	3.30
East Prairieville,	" "	5.00
Faribault, Plymouth	" "	7.00
Lake City,	1st " "	loan
refunded		500.00
" " 1st Cong. Church		25.45
Lenora,	" "	3.55
Medford,	" "	18.80
Minneapolis, Vine St. Cong.	" "	8.00
Plainview,	" "	6.00
Rochester,	" "	9.30
Sauk Centre,	" "	6.50
Shakopee, 1st German	" "	6.90
Smithfield,	" "	4.00
Winona,	" "	16.00
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		\$ 624.80

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Algona,	Cong. Church	\$7.05	
Ames,	" "	10.00	
Anamosa,	" "	8.40	
Bentonsport,	" "	22.50	
Bradford,	" "	7.00	
Burr Oak,	" "	12.15	
Cedar Falls,	" "	7.00	
Civil Bend,	1st "	8.60	
Clay,	" "	8.00	
Clinton,	" "	35.00	
Cresco,	" "	8.00	
Davenport,	Edward's	17.00	
Denmark,	Cong.	" (2) 57.00	
Dewitt,	" "	8.00	
Dubuque,	" "	" (2) 54.18	
"	German "	2.00	
Eddyville,	" "	20.00	
Fairfax,	" "	34.50	
Fairfield,	" "	16.25	
Fayette,	" "	5.25	
Florence,	" "	3.50	
Fort Atkinson,	" "	5.00	
Franklin, (Dutch Creek P.O.)			
	Cong. Church	5.00	
Garnavillo,	" "	4.42	
Grand View,	German Evan.		
	Cong. Church	7.00	
Green Mountain,	" "	16.00	
Harrison,	" "	13.20	
Inland,	" "	10.00	
Iowa City,	" "	60.00	
Iowa Falls,	" "	16.50	
Jamestown,	" "	10.00	
Lyons,	" "	20.00	
Manchester,	" "	3.50	
Maquoketa,	" "	5.20	
Mason City,	" "	6.60	
McGregor,	" "	" (2) 54.22	
Monona,	" "	20.00	
Monroe,	" "	13.50	
Monticello,	" "	16.00	
Muscatine,	" "	51.00	
Nashua,	" "	4.50	
New Hampton, 1st	" "	9.61	
Newton,	" "	" (2) 255.00	
" Wittenburg	" "	" (5) 52.35	
Orford,	" "	14.00	
Pine Creek, German	" "	3.00	
Plymouth,	" "	16.75	
Postville,	" "	10.00	
Rockford,	" "	5.00	
Salem,	" "	1.50	
Seventy Six,	" "	4.50	
Tabor,	" "	16.00	
Warren,	" "	1.50	

Waverley,	Cong. Ch.	\$ 11.00
Williamsburg, Welsh	" "	4.00
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		\$ 1,097.23

## MISSOURI.

Bevier,	Welsh Cong. Church	\$ 8.00
"	" "	5.00
Gallatin,	" "	7.40
Greenwood,	" "	3.40
Hannibal,	" "	79.25
La Clede,	" "	7.00
Macon,	" "	10.00
Neosho,	Col. N. H. Dale	2.00
New Cambria, Welsh Cong. Ch.		
(on acct. of loan)		70.00
Pleasant Hill,	Cong. Church	5.60
Sedalia,	1st "	"
(on acct. of loan)		15.00
St Catharine,	1st "	5.00
St. Louis, Pilgrim	" "	" (2) 216.30
" " 1st Trinity	" "	98.82
Syracuse,	Cong. Church	5.00
Webster Groves,	" "	90.00
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		\$ 627.77

## MISSISSIPPI.

Columbus, Salem Cong. Church	\$ 2.05
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## TENNESSEE.

Memphis, Union Church	\$ 12.00
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## KANSAS.

Albany,	1st Cong. Church	\$ 16.70
Burlingame,	" "	15.00
Council Grove,	" "	1.50
Emporia, Rev. M. S. Croswell		12.00
Lawrence,	1st Cong. Church	50.00
"	2d "	"
(colored)		15.00
Manhattan,	" "	10.50
Mound City,	" "	15.00
Ossawatimie,	" "	5.00
Topeka,	1st "	60.00
"	2d "	"
(colored) loan		50.00
"	2d Cong. Church	
(colored)		3.50
Wabaunsee, 1st Cong. Ch. of Ch'tst		10.80
Wyandotte,	" "	54.00
Zeandale, Balance from Meet'g		
House destroyed by a hurricane		10.00
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		\$ 329.00



## CALIFORNIA.

Cache Creek, Cong. Church (2)	\$ 15.00
Hayward, Eden " "	15.00
Mendocino, Elizabeth Wheeler	5.00
Redwood City, 1st. Cong. Ch.	30.00
Churches on Pacific coast paid to Treas'r at San Francisco	100.00
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	\$ 165.00

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Proceeds from sale of land near Vinton, Iowa, which was con- tributed to the Union.	\$ 260.00
Interest on Funds in Treasury	1,229.62
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	\$1,489.62
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Total, . . .	\$ 36,092.71

## SUMMARY OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

*The American Congregational Union in Account with N. A. Calkins,  
Treasurer.*

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1869.	By Balance in Treasury May 1, 1868		\$17,537.00
May 1.	" Contributions received during the year ending May 1, 1869:—		
	From Maine	\$272.66	
	" New Hampshire	522.61	
	" Vermont	582.63	
	" Massachusetts	9,181.67	
	" Rhode Island	428.73	
	" Connecticut	12,435.08	
	" New York	3,490.77	
	" New Jersey	824.00	
	" Pennsylvania	102.69	
	" Maryland	39.76	
	" Ohio	767.30	
	" Indiana	95.09	
	" Illinois	1,745.11	
	" Michigan	632.92	
	" Wisconsin	623.19	
	" Minnesota	624.80	
	" Iowa	1,097.23	
	" Missouri	627.77	
	" Mississippi	2.05	
	" Tennessee	12.00	
	" Kansas	329.00	
	" California	165.00	
	" Sale of Land contributed, near Vinton, Iowa	260.00	
	" Interest on Balance in Treasury	1,229.62	36,092.71
	Total Resources for the year.		\$53,629.71

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1869.  
May 1. To Appropriations paid to the Societies of Congregational Churches, as follows, viz:—

At	Cornish	Maine	Village Church	\$500.00	
"	Norway	"	2d Congregational Church	250.00	\$750.00
"	Ferrisburg	Vermont	" "	500.00	
"	Londonderry	"	" "	150.00	650.00
"	Freetown	Massachusetts	" "	400.00	
"	Lexington	"	" "	500.00	
"	West Tisbury	"	" "	400.00	1,300.00
"	Fort Lee	New Jersey	" "	(Special) 1,084.35	
"	" "	"	" "	(Loan) 1,000.00	2,084.35
"	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	Plymouth "	500.00	500.00
"	Bowling Green	Ohio	" "	300.00	
"	East Ironton	" (Ironton P. O.)	Welsh "	500.00	800.00
"	Alamo	Michigan	" "	400.00	
"	Alpena	"	" "	400.00	
"	Brady	"	" "	400.00	
"	Flint	"	" "	500.00	
"	Ithaca	"	" "	100.00	
"	Kalamo	"	" "	500.00	
"	Mattawan	"	" "	400.00	
"	Three Oaks	"	1st "	500.00	3,200.00
"	Crystal Lake	Illinois	" "	500.00	
"	Malta	"	" "	400.00	
"	Plano	"	" "	400.00	
"	Richview	"	" "	250.00	
"	Rochester Mills	" West Falls	1st "	800.00	1,850.00
	Amount carried forward				\$11,134.35

Amount brought forward . . . . .				\$11,184.35
At Dartford	Wisconsin	Central Cong. Church of Brooklyn	\$150.00	
" Rio	"	" "	500.00	
" Ridgeway	"	Welsh " "	200.00	
" Sextonville	"	" " "	400.00	
" Viroqua	"	" " "	400.00	
" Watertown	"	Welsh " "	225.00	1,875.00
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" Fremont	Nebraska	" "	500.00	500.00
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" Algona	Iowa	" "	250.00	
" Charles City	"	" "	400.00	
" Cresco	"	1st " "	200.00	
" Eldora	"	" " "	350.00	
" Florence	"	" " "	500.00	
" Fairfax	"	" " "	200.00	
" Franklin	"	" " "	300.00	
" Green Mountain	"	" " "	400.00	
" Independence	"	" " "	400.00	
" Jefferson	"	" " "	500.00	
" Mason City	"	1st " "	500.00	
" Mitchell	"	" " "	400.00	
" New Liberty	"	" " "	400.00	
" Polk City	"	" " "	(Loan) 500.00	
" Prairie City	"	(In part) " "	(Special) 227.00	
" Wittensburg	"	" "	400.00	5,927.00
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" Austin	Minnesota	" "	500.00	
" Cottage Grove	"	" "	400.00	
" Owatonna	"	" "	500.00	
" Spring Valley	"	" "	400.00	
" St. Charles	"	" "	200.00	2,000.00
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" California	Missouri	" "	300.00	
" Greenwood	"	" "	500.00	
" Kingston	"	" "	500.00	
" Macon	"	" "	(Loan) 500.00	
" Pleasant Mount	"	" "	350.00	
" Prospect Grove	"	1st " "	500.00	
" St. Catharine	"	" "	500.00	3,150.00
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" Emporia	Kansas	Welsh " "	300.00	
" Junction City	"	" "	500.00	
" Highland	"	" "	(\$400 Loan) 900.00	
" Leavenworth	"	Mission " "	300.00	
" Olathe	"	" "	(Special) 104.00	2,104.00
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" Benicia	California	" "	500.00	
" Lincoln	"	" "	500.00	
" Los Angeles	"	" "	( $\frac{1}{2}$ Loan) 1,000.00	2,000.00
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Total Amount of Appropriations paid to 67 Churches . . . . .				\$28,690.35
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To Salaries of officers and Clerk . . . . .			\$7,850.00	
" Rent of Rooms in New York and Boston . . . . .			731.00	
" Travelling Expenses of Secretaries . . . . .			479.55	
" Printing Annual Reports, Circulars, and Advertising . . . . .			312.43	
" Postage, Telegrams, Revenue Stamps, Stationery, Expressage and Legal Fees . . . . .			262.31	
" Subscriptions to Congregational Quarterly, for Ministers and Office . . . . .			32.20	
" Life Members' Certificates, Printing, &c. . . . .			53.97	9,721.46
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" Appropriations Pledged to 31 Churches . . . . .			12,200.00	
" Unappropriated Balance in Treasury . . . . .			2,017.90	15,217.90
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				\$53,629.71

Examined and Approved,

 WILLIAM ALLEN, }  
 A. S. BARNES, } *Auditors.*

New York, May 12, 1869.

## CHURCHES AIDED IN BUILDING THEIR HOUSES OF WORSHIP

BY THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

THE following list contains the name of each church aided, its location, the amount granted by the American Congregational Union, and the year of its payment, from the organization of this society to May 1, 1869:—

### MAINE.

Cornish, York Co.,	Village Cong. Church,	1868	\$ 500
Dedham, Hancock Co.,	“ “	1866	300
Naples, Cumberland Co.,	“ “	1867	200
Norway, Oxford Co.,	2d “ “	1869	250
Old Town, Penobscot Co.,	“ “	1867	500
Oxford, Oxford Co.,	“ “	1863	50
Patten, “ “	“ “	1865	500
Presque Isle, Aroostook Co.,	“ “	1865	350
Portland, Cumberland Co.,	Bethel “	1867	500
Rumford, Oxford Co.,	Cong. “	1865	400
Springfield, Penobscot Co.,	Springfield & Carroll “	1867	250
Temple, Franklin Co.,	Cong. “	1867	350
Weld, “ “	“ “	1866	500

### NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Gorham, Coos Co.,	Cong. Church,	1862-5	\$ 400
Kensington, Rockingham Co.,	“ “	1866	200

### VERMONT.

Albany, Orleans Co.,	Cong. Church,	1868	\$ 500
Ferrisburg, Addison Co.,	“ “	1868	500
Glover, Orleans Co.,	“ “	1863	100
Londonderry, Windham Co.,	“ “	1869	150
North Hyde Park, Lamoille Co.,	1st “ “	1861	250
Troy, Orleans Co.,	“ “	1863	250
West Charlestown, Orleans Co.,	“ “	1859	100

### MASSACHUSETTS.

Canton, Norfolk Co.,	Evangelical Cong. Church,	1860	\$ 300
Cohasset, “ “	Beech Woods “ “	1867	400
Freestown, Bristol Co.,	“ “	1868	400
Groton Junction, Middlesex Co.,	Orthodox “ “	1868	500
Holland, Hampden Co.,	“ “	1860	150
Hyannis, Barnstable Co.,	“ “	1860	200
Lexington, Middlesex Co.,	“ “	1869	500
Marblehead, Essex Co.,	3d “ “	1867	500
Neponset, Norfolk Co.,	Trinity “ “	1860	350
Somerset, Bristol Co.,	“ “	1865	450
South Natick, Middlesex Co.,	John Eliot “	1863	150
West Tisbury, Dukes Co.,	Cong. “	1868	400

## RHODE ISLAND.

Providence, Providence Co. (Cranston), Elmwood Cong. Church,	1868	\$ 500
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## CONNECTICUT.

Staffordville, Tolland Co.,	Cong. Church,	1861	\$ 200
Sterling & Voluntown (Collamer P. O.),			
Windham Co.,	" "	1859	80

## NEW YORK.

Angola, Erie Co.,	1st Cong. Church ( $\frac{3}{4}$ loan),	1867	\$ 2,000
Baiting Hollow, Suffolk Co.,	" "	1863	75
Flatbush, Kings Co.,	St. Paul's " " colored	1865	100
Flushing, Queens Co.,	" "	1859	250
Frewsburg, Chataugue Co.,	" "	1863	200
Gosport, Niagara Co.,	1st " " of Royaltan,	1860	200
Grand Island, Erie Co.,	1st " "	1866	400
Harrisville, Lewis Co.,	" "	1867	450
Henrietta, Monroe Co.,	1st " "	1868	400
Holland Patent, Oneida Co.,	Welsh " "	1862	150
Middle Granville, Washington Co.,	" "	1863	150
Middle Granville, " "	Jamesville 2d Welsh Cong. Ch.,	1865	150
Norfolk, St. Lawrence Co.,	Cong. Church,	1867	400
Otto, Cattaraugus Co.,	1st " "	1862	250
Parrottville, Albany Co.,	1st " " of Watervleit,	1867	225
Penataquit, Suffolk Co.,	" "	1864	300
Poosepatuck, Suffolk Co.,	Indian " "	1860	50
Trenton, Oneida Co.,	Welsh " "	1862	100
Turin, Lewis Co.,	" "	1866	200
Utica, Oneida Co.,	2d " " "	1867	150
Westport, Essex Co.,	1st " "	1866	300
Williams Bridge, Westchester Co.,	Union " (loan)	1866	1,500
Woodhaven, Queens Co.,	1st " "	1867	500

## NEW JERSEY.

Elizabeth Port, Essex Co., 1st Cong. Church of Elizabeth (loan),	1866-7	\$2,500
Fort Lee, Bergen Co., " " (loan)	1869	1,000
" " " " " " (special donation)	1869	1,084.85
North Vineland, Cumberland Co., 1st Cong. Church of Landis,		
( $\frac{3}{4}$ loan. Cong. Union holds deed of house and lots.)	1866-7	2,000

## PENNSYLVANIA.

Le Raysville, Bradford Co.,		1859	\$ 300
Morris Run, Tioga Co.,	Welsh Cong. Church,	1867	500
Philadelphia,	Plymouth " "	1868	500
Pittsburg, Alleghany Co.,	Welsh " "	1862	200
" " " "	Plymouth " (loan)	1866	4,500
(This entire loan was repaid the Union in 1868.)			
Riceville, Crawford Co.,	1st Cong. Church,	1863	250
West Spring Creek, Warren Co.,	" "	1860	175

## OHIO.

Alliance, Stark Co.,	Welsh Cong. Church,	1868	\$ 300
Bowling Green, Wood Co.,	" "	1868	300
Dayton, Montgomery Co.,	" "	1863	300



East Ironton (Ironton P. O.), Lawrence Co., Welsh Cong. Church,	1869	\$ 500
Geneva, Ashtabula Co., Cong. Church,	1868	500
Lebanon, Warren Co., 1st Orthodox " "	1862	300
Lowell, Washington Co., Lowell & Rainbow " "	1858	300
Mill Creek, Union Co. (Ostrander P. O.), Providence Cong. Church,	1861	150
Olive Green (Kingston Centre P. O.), Delaware Co., " "	1862	100
Wauseon, Fulton Co., 1st Cong. Church,	1864	300
Waynesville, Warren Co. (Church disbanded in 1863, and re-		
turned \$ 100),	1861	100
West Mill Grove, Wood Co., Cong. Church,	1862	100

## INDIANA.

Cold Spring (Township), La Porte Co., 1st Cong. Church,	1863	\$ 300
Indianapolis, Marion Co. Plymouth " "	1859	500
Kokomo, Howard Co., 1st Cong. " (½ loan)	1866	1,000
Westchester, Jay Co., " "	1862	150

## MICHIGAN.

Alamo, Kalamazoo Co., 1st Cong. Church,	1869	\$ 400
Allegan, Allegan Co., " "	1865	500
Alpena, Alpena Co., " "	1869	400
Brady, Kalamazoo Co., " "	1868	400
Bridgeport, Saginaw Co., " "	1868	400
Brownstown, Wayne Co., " "	1862	200
Canandaigua, Lenawee Co., " "	1860	200
Coopersville, Ottawa Co., " "	1867	400
Flint, Genesee Co., " "	1869	500
Galesburg, Kalamazoo Co., " "	1860	90
Grand Haven, Ottawa Co., 1st " "	1859	300
Grand Ledge, Eaton Co., 1st " "	1865	250
Grandville, Kent Co., " "	1862	91
Hancock, Houghton Co., 1st " "	1864	500
Ithaca, Gratiot Co., " "	1868	100
Johnstown, Barry Co., " "	1867	300
Kalamo, Eaton Co., " "	1868	500
Keeler, Van Buren Co., 1st " "	1864	300
Lawrence, " " " " "	1865	500
Lowell, Kent Co., " "	1861	250
Mattawan, Van Buren Co., " "	1869	400
Muskegon, Muskegon Co., 1st " "	1864	500
Newaygo, Newaygo Co., " "	1867	100
Olivet, Eaton Co., " "	1866	450
Otsego, Allegan Co., 1st " "	1867	400
Pent Water, Oceana Co., " "	1868	500
Port Sanilac, Sanilac Co., 1st " "	1866	500
Royal Oak, Oakland Co., " "	1867	200
St. John, Clinton Co., " "	1865	500
St. Joseph, Berrien Co., 1st " "	1860	200
Saugatuck, Allegan Co., (Paid towards 1st house in)	1862	200
" " " (1st house damaged by a hurricane.		
Paid towards 2d house.)	1867	100
South Haven, Van Buren Co., Cong. Church,	1868	300
Three Oaks, Berrien Co., 1st " "	1869	500
Traverse City, Grand Traverse Co., " "	1868	500
Vernon, Shiawassee Co., " "	1864	300
Wayland, Allegan Co., " "	1862	150
White Water, Grand Traverse Co., 1st " "	1867	250

## ILLINOIS.

Abingdon, Knox Co.,	Cong. Church,	1859	\$ 250
(Sold its house in 1868, and refunded \$ 677.)			
Albion, Edwards Co.,	Trinity Cong. Church,	1861	100
Amboy, Lee Co.,	" "	1866	300
Annawan, Henry Co.,	" "	1867	500
Atkinson, Henry Co.,	" "	1864	450
Aurora, Kane Co.,	New England "	1859	200
Avon, Fulton Co.,	Cong. "	1861	200
Blue Island, Cook Co.,	1st " "	1865	400
Bowensburg, Hancock Co.,	1st " "	1868	400
Buda, Bureau Co.,	" "	1863	250
Coal Valley, Rock Island Co.,	" "	1862	100
Collins Station, Clinton Co.,	" "	1860	150
Crystal Lake, McHenry Co.,	" "	1868	500
Danby, Du Page Co.,	" "	1863	200
Danvers, McLean Co.,	1st " "	1863	250
Dement, Ogle Co.,	1st " "	1867	500
Dunleith, Jo. Daviess Co.,	" "	1865	400
Dwight, Livingston Co.,	1st " "	1867	500
Elmore, Peoria Co.,	" "	1867	500
El Paso, Woodford Co.,	1st " "	1860	300
Gridley, McLean Co.,	" "	1867	500
Harvard, McHenry Co.,	" "	1867	500
Hillsboro', Montgomery Co.,	" "	1866	500
Huntley, McHenry Co.,	" "	1864	450
Lacon, Marshall Co.,	1st " "	1866	500
Lamoille, Bureau Co.,	" "	1867	500
Lanark, Carroll Co.,	" "	1862	201
Lincoln, Logan Co.,	" "	1864	500
Lisle, Du Page Co.,	" "	1866	400
Loda (Oakalla P. O.), Iroquois Co., Merriam	" "	1860	300
Malta, De Kalb Co.,	" "	1869	400
Marseilles, La Salle Co.,	" "	1867	500
Mendota, " " "	" "	1859	100
Monee, Will Co.,	1st " "	1867	500
Morrison, Whitesides Co.,	" "	1865	500
Newark, Kendall Co.,	1st " "	1861	300
New Berlin, Sangamon Co.,	" "	1860	300
New Rutland, La Salle Co.,	" "	1864	400
Normal, McLean Co.,	1st Orthodox " "	( $\frac{2}{3}$ loan) 1867	1,500
Onarga, Iroquis Co.,	1st " "	1860	200
Owen, Winnebago Co.,	" "	1861	150
Paxton, Ford Co.,	" "	1865	500
Pecatonica, Winnebago Co.,	1st " "	1860	225
Peru, La Salle Co.,	1st " "	1863	300
Plano, Kendall Co.,	" "	1868	400
Poplar Grove, Boone Co.,	" "	1864	400
Prairie City, McDonough Co.,	" "	1865	500
Rantoul, Champaign Co.,	" "	1867	500
Richview, Washington Co.,	" "	1869	250
Rochester Mills (West Falls), Wabash Co.,	1st Cong. Church,	1868	300
Rosefield, Peoria Co.,	Cong. Church,	1862	225
Rosemond, Christian Co.,	Evang. " "	1867	500
Sandoval, Marion Co.,	" "	1866	500
Sandwich, De Kalb Co.,	" "	1865	400

Sterling, Whitesides Co.,	1st Cong. Church,	1864	\$ 250
Sycamore, De Kalb Co.,	" "	1866	300
Turner, Du Page Co.,	" "	1868	400
Union, McHenry Co.,	" "	1865-6	500
Walnut Grove, Knox Co.,	Altona " "	1867	500
Wataga, Knox Co.,	1st " "	1860	250
Waukegan, Lake Co.,	" "	1863	300
Woodstock, McHenry Co.,	" "	1867	500

## WISCONSIN.

Arena, Iowa Co.,	1st Cong. Church,	1864-5	\$ 500
Baraboo, Sauk Co.,	1st " "	1867	500
Black Earth, Dane Co.,	Union " "	1861	300
Bloomfield, Walworth Co.,	1st Cong. " of Genoa,	1865	400
Boscobel, Grant Co.,	" "	1863	210
Brandon, Fond-du-lac Co.,	" "	1867	400
Brodhead, Greene Co.,	" "	1862	200
Burlington, Racine Co.,	Plymouth " "	1859	200
Dartford, Green Lake Co.,	Central Cong. Church, of Brooklyn,	1869	150
De Soto, Vernon Co.,	1st " "	1861	200
Eau Claire, Eau Claire Co.,	1st Orthodox " "	1859	250
Evansville, Rock Co.,	1st " "	1863	150
Fish Creek, Door Co.,	Welsh " of Bangor,	1867	100
Grand Rapids, Wood Co.,	1st " "	1865	400
Hudson, St. Croix Co.,	" "	1859	250
Leon, Monroe Co.,	1st " "	1866	300
Menasha, Winnebago Co.,	1st " "	1859	250
Mill Creek, Richland Co.,	" "	1863	150
Milwaukie, Milwaukie Co.,	3d " (Hanover St.)	1859	500
" " "	" (Spring St.)	1863	500
Monroe, Greene Co.,	" "	1861	200
New London, Waupacca Co.,	" "	1861	250
New Richmond, St. Croix Co.,	" "	1868	500
Ottawa, Waukesha Co.,	Independent Welsh " of Park River,	1860	75
Palmyra,* Jefferson Co.,	Cong. " "	1867	125
Pine River, Waushara Co.,	" "	1868	300
Pleasant Prairie, Kenosha Co.,	Williams " "	1861	150
Plymouth, Sheboygan Co.,	1st " "	1859	250
Prescott, Pierce Co.,	" "	1859	200
Princeton, Greene Lake Co.,	1st " "	1865	100
Ridgeway, Iowa Co.,	Welsh " "	1868	200
Rio, Columbia Co.,	" "	1868	500
River Falls, Pierce Co.,	" "	1858	300
Royalton, Waupacca Co.,	" "	1867	300
Sextonville, Richland Co.,	" "	1869	400
Spring Green, Sauk Co.,	1st " "	1867	500
Stoughton, Dane Co.,	1st " "	1864	440
Sun Prairie, " "	" "	1868	400
Viroqua, Vernon Co.,	" "	1868	400
Waterloo, Jefferson Co.,	" "	1867	500
Watertown, Jefferson Co.,	Welsh " "	1868	225
Westfield, Marquette Co.,	1st " "	1861	200
West Salem, La Crosse Co.,	1st " "	1861	150

\* This church received \$ 200 from the Albany Fund in 1855.

## IOWA.

Alden, Hardin Co.,	Alden & Ellis Cong. Church,	1867	\$ 500
Algona, Kossuth Co.,	" "	1868	250
Ames, Story Co.,	" "	1866	500
Boonesboro', Boone Co.,	" " ( $\frac{1}{2}$ loan)	1866-8	500
Bradford, Chickasaw Co.,	1st Evan. " "	1864	300
Burr Oak, Winneshiek Co.,	1st " "	1863	250
Cedar Falls, Black Hawk Co.,	1st " "	1865	300
Charles City, Floyd Co.,	" "	1869	400
Cincinnati, Appanoose Co.,	" "	1868	300
Clinton, Clinton Co.,	" "	1867	500
Cresco,* Howard Co.,	1st " "	1869	200
Davenport, Scott Co.,	Edwards " "	1865	500
Des Moines, Polk Co.,	Plymouth " "	1859	200
De Witt, Clinton Co.,	1st Cong. " "	1865	500
Dubuque, Dubuque Co.,	German " "	1867	300
Earlville, Delaware Co.,	" "	1867	500
Eddyville, Wapello Co.,	1st " "	1864	400
Eldora, Hardin Co.,	" "	1869	350
Fairfax, Linn Co.,	" "	1864	{ 125
" " " "	Cong. Church, (toward a 2d house)	1869	{ 200
Florence (Cresco P. O.), Howard Co.,	Cong. Church,	1869	500
Fort Atkinson, Winneshiek Co.,	" "	1867	200
Franklin (Dutch Creek P. O.), Washington Co.,	Cong. Church,	1868	300
Garnavillo, Clayton Co.,	Cong. Church,	1867	300
Georgetown, Monroe Co.,	Welsh " "	1861	100
Green Mountain (Marshalltown P. O.), Marshall Co.,	Cong. Church,	1869	400
Harrison, Harrison Co.,	Cong. Church,	1868	200
Independence, Buchanan Co.,	" "	1869	400
Inland, Cedar Co.,	" "	1868	300
Iowa City, Johnston Co.,	1st Cong. Church, (part paid — loan only)	1868	2,000
Iowa Falls, Hardin Co.,	1st Cong. Church,	1866	400
Jefferson, Greene Co.,	" "	1868	500
Lewis, Cass Co.,	" "	1865	500
Magnolia, Harrison Co.,	" "	1860	100
Manchester, Delaware Co.,	1st " "	1864	300
Mason City, Cerro Gordo Co.,	1st " "	1868	500
McGregor, Clayton Co.,	1st " "	1861	500
Mitchell, Mitchell Co.,	" "	1869	400
Monona, Clayton Co.,	" "	1867	400
Monroe, Jasper Co.,	" "	1867	400
Monticello, Jones Co.,	" "	1868	500
Mount Pleasant, Henry Co.,	1st " "	1860	250
New Hampton, Chickasaw Co.,	" "	1866	200
New Liberty, Scott Co.,	" "	1868	400
New Oregon, Howard Co.,	" "	1862	250
(Removed to Cresco in 1869.)			
Newton, Jasper Co.,	1st Cong. Church,	1859	300
Orford, Tama Co.,	" "	1868	500
Osage, Mitchell Co.,	" "	1864	350
Pine Creek (Muscatine P. O.), Muscatine Co.,	German Cong. Church,	1863	150
Polk City, Polk Co.,	Cong. Church, (loan)	1869	500
Postville, Alamakee Co.,	" "	1867	500
Prairie City, Goshen Co.,	" " (special donation)	1869	227

\* The church, formerly located at New Oregon, Howard Co., moved its house to Cresco, the railroad station, and enlarged it in 1869.

Rockford, Floyd Co.,	1st Cong. Church,	1866	\$ 450
Salina, Jefferson Co., (church disbanded in 1867 and returned \$250.)		1860	250
Stacyville, Mitchell Co.,	1st Cong. Church,	1860	150
Tipton, Cedar Co.,	" "	1867	400
Toledo, Tama Co.,	1st " "	1860	250
Waverly, Bremer Co.,	1st " "	1866	500
Williamsburg (Stellapolis P. O.), Iowa Co.,	Welsh Cong. Church,	1861	150
Wittemburg (Newton P. O.), Jasper Co.,	" "	1868	400
Wooster, Jefferson Co.,	" "	1867	300

## MINNESOTA.

Afton, Washington Co.,	Cong. Church,	1867	\$ 500
Austin, Mower Co.,	" "	1868	500
Cannon Falls, Goodhue Co.,	" "	1867	500
Clearwater, Wright Co.,	1st " "	1861	50
Cottage Grove, Washington Co.,	" "	1869	400
East Prairieville, Rice Co.,	1st Evan. " "	1866	350
Glencoe, McLeod Co.,	" "	1866	500
Lake City, Wabasha Co.,	" " ( $\frac{2}{3}$ loan)	1866	750
(Loan of \$ 500 refunded in 1868.)			
Lakeland, Washington Co.,	Cong. Church,	1867	300
Medford, Steele Co.,	1st " "	1863-4	228
Minneapolis, Hennepin Co.,	Plymouth " "	1867	275
Owatonna, Steele Co.,	Cong. " "	1869	500
Rochester, Olmstead Co.,	" "	1867	500
Sauk Centre, Stearns Co.,	Cong. Church,	1867	500
Shakopee, Scott Co.,	1st " "	1863	175
Spring Valley, Fillmore Co.,	" "	1868	400
St. Charles, Winona Co.,	" "	1860	{ 250
" " " "	(house enlarged)	1868	{ 200
Sterling, Blue Earth Co.,	Cong. Church,	1868	400
Winona, Winona Co.,	1st " "	1859	500

## MISSOURI.

Bevier, Macon Co.,	1st Cong. Church,	1866	\$ 500
" " "	Welsh " "	1866	500
Brookfield, Linn Co.,	1st " " ( $\frac{3}{4}$ loan)	1866-7	2,000
California, Moniteau Co.,	" "	1869	300
Cameron, Clinton Co.,	" "	1867	500
Chillicothe, Livingston Co.,	" " ( $\frac{2}{3}$ loan)	1867	1,500
Gallatin, Daviess Co.,	1st " " ( $\frac{1}{2}$ loan)	1866	1,000
Greenwood, Jackson Co.,	" "	1868	500
Hannibal, Marion Co.,	1st " "	1865	400
Kansas City, Jackson Co.,	1st " " ( $\frac{6}{7}$ loan)	1866	3,500
(Cong. Union holds deed of property.)			
Kingston, Caldwell Co.,	Cong. Church,	1869	500
La Clede, Linn Co.,	1st " " ( $\frac{1}{2}$ loan)	1866	1,000
Macon, Macon Co.,	" " (loan)	1868	500
New Cambria, Macon Co.,	Welsh " " ( $\frac{3}{5}$ loan)	1866	500
Pleasant Hill, Cass Co.,	" " ( $\frac{1}{2}$ loan)	1867-8	1,000
Pleasant Mount, Miller Co.,	" "	1869	350
Prospect Grove (Athens P. O.), Clark Co.,	" "	1868	500
Saint Catharine, Linn Co.,	" " ( $\frac{1}{2}$ loan)	1868	1,000
Sedalia, Pettis Co.,	" " ( $\frac{1}{2}$ loan)	1867	1,000
Syracuse, Morgan Co.,	1st " "	1867	500



## KANSAS.

Albany, Nemaha Co.,	Cong. Church,	1866	\$ 500
Atchison, Atchison Co.,	1st " "	1861	500
Burlingame, Osage Co.,	" "	1866-7	500
Clinton, Douglass Co. (church disbanded and returned \$400 in 1867)		1860	200
Emporia, Lyon Co.,	1st Cong. Church,	1860	200
" " "	Welsh " "	1869	300
Geneva, Allen Co.,	(paid toward first house)	1859	100
" " "	(first house destroyed by a hurricane, paid toward second house)	1867	300
Grasshopper Falls, Jefferson Co.,	1st Cong. Church,	1860	200
Highland, Doniphan Co.,	" " ( $\frac{4}{5}$ loan)	1868	900
Junction City, Davis Co.,	" "	1869	500
Lawrence, Douglass Co.,	Freedmen's " "	1862	150
" " "	(first house was burned by the rebels — paid special contributions for second house in March)	1864	700
" " "	Plymouth Church, ( $\frac{5}{7}$ loan)	1866	1,750
Leavenworth, Leavenworth Co.,	Cong. " "	1860	500
" " "	" Mission " "	1868	300
Manhattan, Riley Co.,	1st " "	1859	500
Mound City, Linn Co.,	" "	1868	500
Ogden, Riley Co.,	" "	1858	300
Olathe, Johnson Co.,	" " (special)	1868	104
Ossawatimie, Miami Co.,	1st " "	1861	250
Quindaro, Wyandotte Co.,	" "	1858	500
Topeka, Shawnee Co.,	" Church of Christ,	1860	300
" " "	2d " " (colored — $\frac{5}{7}$ loan)	1866	700
Wabaunsee, Wabaunsee Co.,	" "	1860	500
Wakarusa, Douglass Co.,	" " (paid in Aug.)	1863	125
" " "	Cong. Church, (first house was burned by the rebels — paid special contributions for second house in)	1864	500
Wyandotte, Wyandotte Co.,	1st Cong. Church,	1860	500

## NEBRASKA.

Brownsville, Nemaha Co., (church disbanded — returned \$300 in 1863)		1860	\$ 300
Columbus, Platte Co.,	Cong. Church,	1867	500
Fremont, Dodge Co.,	" "	1868	500
Omaha City, Douglass Co.,	1st " "	1857	500

## COLORADO.

Central City, Gilpin Co.,	1st Cong. Church,	1867	\$ 500
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## CALIFORNIA.

Benicia, Salano Co.,	Cong. Church,	1868	\$ 500
Cache Creek, Yolo Co.,	" "	1865	400
Clayton, Contra Costa Co.,	" "	1868	500
Copperopolis, Calaveras Co.,	" "	1867	500
Downieville, Sierra Co.,	1st " " of Christ,	1859	500
	(Disbanded and refunded part.)		
Haywood, Alameda Co.,	Eden Cong. Church,	1868	500
Lincoln, Placer Co.,	" "	1868	500
Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co.,	" " ( $\frac{1}{2}$ loan)	1868	1,000

Nevada City, Nevada Co.,	Cong. Church,	1860	\$ 300
" " " "	(first house was burned — appropriation for second house was paid in)	1864	500
Oroville, Butte Co.,	1st Cong. Church,	1860	300
Pescadero, Santa Cruz Co.,	" "	1867	500
Redwood City, Santa Mateo Co.,	1st " "	1865	500
San Francisco,	Green Street " " (loan)	1866	2,000

## LOUISIANA.

New Orleans,	1st Cong. Church, (Cong. Union holds deed of property)	1866	\$ 23,500
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## TENNESSEE.

Memphis,	Union Church, (Cong. Union holds deed of lots)	1866	\$ 11,000
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## GEORGIA.

Atlanta,	1st Cong. Church, (colored — Cong. Union holds deed)	1866	\$ 1,000
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## NORTH CAROLINA.

Newbern, Craven Co.,	(Cong. Union holds deed of lots)	1866	\$ 3,200
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## MARYLAND.

Baltimore,	1st Cong. Church, (Cong. Union holds deed of property)	1866-7	\$ 10,000
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## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington,	1st Cong. Church,	1866-7	\$ 19,421.44
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## SUMMARY

Of churches aided and houses built in the different States, with the amount paid by the Congregational Union.

Maine,	13 churches,	13 houses,	\$ 4,650.00
New Hampshire,	2 "	2 "	600.00
Vermont,	7 "	7 "	1,850.00
Massachusetts,	12 "	12 "	4,300.00
Rhode Island,	1 "	1 "	500.00
Connecticut,	2 "	2 "	280.00
New York,	23 "	23 "	8,500.00
New Jersey,	3 "	3 "	6,584.35
Pennsylvania,	7 "	7 "	6,425.00
Ohio,	12 "	12 "	3,250.00
Indiana,	4 "	4 "	1,950.00
Michigan,	37 "	38 "	12,631.00
Illinois,	62 "	62 "	23,651.00
Wisconsin,	43 "	43 "	12,575.00
Iowa,	59 "	61 "	22,750.00
Minnesota,	19 "	20 "	7,778.00
Missouri,	20 "	20 "	17,550.00
Kansas,	25 "	28 "	12,379.00
Nebraska,	4 "	4 "	1,800.00
Colorado,	1 "	1 "	500.00
California,	13 "	14 "	8,500.00
Louisiana,	1 "	1 "	23,500.00
Tennessee,	1 "	1 "	11,000.00
Georgia,	1 "	1 "	1,000.00
North Carolina,	1 "	1 "	3,200.00
Maryland,	1 "	1 "	10,000.00
Washington, D. C.,	1 "	1 "	19,421.44
	<hr/> 375 "	<hr/> 383 "	<hr/> \$ 227,124.79

The average amount paid by the Congregational Union on each house of worship, including loans and exceptional grants, is \$ 593.

Probable entire cost of these houses, \$ 1,500,000.

The regular appropriations made by the Union, as *gratuities*, have averaged, for each house of worship, \$ 346.

## BUSINESS FORMS.

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THE following Forms used by the American Congregational Union in the conduct of its affairs will afford answers to inquiries frequently made; and they are specially commended to the attention of business men, as giving a full view of the mode in which the operations of the Union are carried on, and as the means of assuring the highest confidence of such men in the fidelity and wisdom with which its affairs are managed.

### CONDITIONS ON WHICH AID IS GRANTED FOR BUILDING HOUSES OF WORSHIP BY THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

*Read carefully and duly consider each of the following specifications.*

I. All appropriations must be made for the benefit of *Evangelical Congregational Churches*. The name of the church, its society, its location, and post-office address must be given in full.

II. In all cases, the smallest sum that will suffice should be asked for; and in no case will a sum of money be granted which is greater than one half of the amount raised by the church and society that makes the application. The Union has no permanent fund, but depends wholly on the current contributions of the churches and its friends; for this reason it seldom is able to make loans, except where funds are specially given it for that purpose; and in all cases in which loans are made adequate security for repayment must be given.

III. Every application must be indorsed and commended by the local agent of the American Home Missionary Society; or by two or more ministers, or well-known laymen conversant with the condition, prospects, and wants of the place, and of the church asking aid, but not residents of that place.

IV. It is made a condition of every appropriation, that each church receiving aid shall vote to make, and make a contribution every year to the funds of the American Congregational Union, and record this vote in the church records, and also keep its house of worship continuously insured against loss by fire.

V. The church or society receiving aid must own its house of worship and the land on which it stands, in fee-simple, and with the aid granted, must be free from debt or encumbrance; or it must give adequate security for the preservation of the fund to its proper uses. No absolute donation of money will be made except such as pays the last bills, leaving no claim or lien against the house, or land upon which it stands, or against the church or parish, either in LAW, EQUITY, or HONOR.

VI. The church or society receiving aid, in addition to the regular grant of the Union, from neighboring churches, or Congregational friends, shall, so far as practicable, recognize the same as a "special grant" of the Union, and give a receipt for it as such, that those giving the money may have due credit, and the sum given be secured permanently to the cause of church-building.

VII. When a donation has been voted by the Board of Trustees, the amount will be held in reserve until the church edifice is ready to be used for public worship, and the church corporation has obtained receipts in full for all bills incurred in the erection of its house, except to the amount of the donation by the Union. Where the church or society to which aid has been voted fails to comply with the conditions for receiving the money within *one year* from the date of the vote, the appropriation will be considered void, unless an extension of time be asked for within that period, and granted by the Board of Trustees.

VIII. In no case will the Trustees be bound to pay *any* appropriation, where the size of the house or its cost is materially greater than the estimates upon which the appropriation was made.

IX. Every church receiving aid shall report to the Corresponding Secretary, at the end of one year after entering its sanctuary, the increase of its congregation, of its own membership, the size of its Sabbath school, and any other items of general interest. And it is further requested to report to the Secretary of the Union once a year thereafter, for at least five years, its average attendance on public worship, whether the church is self-supporting, and the total amount of its contributions for benevolent purposes during the preceding year.

X. All applications must be made by the officers of the society and the church asking aid, and the following questions answered : —

What is the name of the church, and its post-office address ?

How many members has the church ? No. of Males. No. of Females.

What is the population of the place, its location, and prospect of growth ?

What is the average attendance on public worship ?

What is the size of the house proposed to be built ?

What is the general style of the edifice, and the material to be used ?

What is the estimated entire cost of the house ?

What was the cost of the lot ? Is the title a legal one ?

What is the amount of reliable subscription now raised ?

When is the house to be completed ?

What other church organizations, and church edifices (if any) within three miles ?

Can you support preaching regularly without aid from the A. H. M. S. ?

Is your ecclesiastical organization incorporated according to the laws of the State ?

Were the Trustees legally chosen ?

In addition to full replies to each of the foregoing questions, state any other facts which would show the real need of aid.



## APPLICATION FOR AID.\*

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, Officers of the \_\_\_\_\_ Congregational Church of  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby certify and state :

1st. That the answers to the foregoing questions are, to the best of our knowledge, strictly correct.

2d. That the LEAST amount that will suffice to complete and pay last bills on our house of worship *with our utmost exertions*, is the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars.

3d. We hereby agree to receive such sum as may be granted to us, under the conditions stated on the preceding page, pledging ourselves to a faithful compliance with the same.

Respectfully,

} Trustees.

} Deacons.  
Minister.

## RECOMMENDATION.

THE UNDERSIGNED are well satisfied that the foregoing statements are reliable, and that the church asking aid deserves sympathy and help. Our knowledge of the place, and of the members of the church, warrants us in commending them heartily to the favorable consideration of the Trustees of the American Congregational Union.

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Agent A. H. M. S.

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Pastor or S. S. of Cong'l Church at

## CERTIFICATE AND AGREEMENT.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, Officers of the \_\_\_\_\_ Congregational Church and  
Society of \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby certify that the house of  
worship built by this corporation is now completed and ready to be used for public  
worship, and that the ground upon which it stands is owned by the said  
free and clear of encumbrance, and that the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars, appropriated  
by THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION, is sufficient to pay all debts now  
outstanding; that the aforesaid church edifice is duly insured against loss by  
fire; and that a vote has been taken by this church in conformity with the IVth

\* The church applying for aid should not embarrass itself by assuming beforehand that the amount asked for will certainly be granted. Nothing is pledged from the Union until the actual vote of the Board of Trustees on a regular application.

DIRECTIONS. — Answer all the questions on the first page. Fill "Application" with the least sum that will suffice, and sign as indicated above. Secure the signatures to "Recommendation" as directed in specification No. III., on the preceding page; then forward this to the Rooms of the Congregational Union, Bible House, New York.

condition, and is recorded in the church records; also that all the conditions upon which this appropriation was made have been fully complied with on the part of this church and its corporation; and on receipt of this appropriation by us, we hereby agree to discharge all debts that can be made a lien against the aforesaid house of worship, or the land upon which it stands, and also to keep the said house continuously insured against loss by fire.

FURTHERMORE, we hereby agree for ourselves and our successors in office, that, in the event the aforesaid Congregational Church shall, from any cause, become extinct, or cease to be an Evangelical Congregational Church, or abandon public worship and sell its house, that the above sum of        dollars shall revert to THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION; and we hereby promise and agree to well and truly pay, or cause to be paid, the same to the Treasurer of said CONGREGATIONAL UNION within six months after such a change of the Church or sale of the house.

The amount of the appropriation by the Union is . . . . . \$

The amount raised and already paid on account of the House and land, is \$

The whole cost of the House and Land is . . . . . \$

WITNESS our hands and seals this        day of        one thousand eight hundred and

5 Cent  
Revenue  
Stamp.

} Trustees.

WE hereby certify that the statements contained in the above Certificate and Agreement are correct.

} Minister.  
} Deacons.

N. B. This "Certificate and Agreement" should not be sent to the TREASURER of the CONGREGATIONAL UNION, until *all the conditions*, upon which the aid was granted have been carefully complied with. Then it must be accompanied with a certificate from either a judge of a court, a justice of the peace, a lawyer, or a notary public, that the ecclesiastical organization is duly incorporated in accordance with the laws of the State in which it is located; also, that the officers thereof were legally chosen.

#### TREASURER'S RECEIPT.

18

RECEIVED from the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION, the sum of        Dollars, being the amount appropriated to the        of the        Congregational Church of        / County of        State of        to complete the payment for the house of worship of said church and society, subject to all the provisions and conditions mentioned in the Certificate and Agreement signed by the officers of said church and society, in accordance with which said appropriation was made.

} Trustees.

## TREASURER'S RECEIPT FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION.

18

RECEIVED FROM "THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION,"  
 making in all the sum of                Dollars, which sum, in accordance with  
 instructions of the contributors, has been made a Special Appropria-  
 tion by the Board of Trustees of the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL  
 UNION to the                of the                Congregational Church of  
 County of                State of                to aid in payment for the house of  
 worship of said church and society.

And we hereby agree for ourselves, and our successors in office, that, in case  
 the aforesaid Congregational Church shall, from any cause, become extinct, or  
 cease to be an Evangelical Congregational Church, or shall abandon public wor-  
 ship, and sell its house, that the above sum of                Dollars shall revert to the  
 AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION, in addition to any other sum which this  
 church or society may receive from the said Congregational Union; and we  
 hereby promise and agree to well and truly pay the same, or cause it to be paid,  
 to the Treasurer of said CONGREGATIONAL UNION within six months after  
 such a change of the church or sale of the house.

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 LOANS.

WHEN a Loan is made by the American Congregational Union to a church,  
 security is taken on the property, and the money is required to be refunded, after  
 a period of years, in annual instalments; and no interest is charged if the debt is  
 paid when it becomes due.

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 HOW TO OBTAIN THE APPROPRIATIONS.

It will be seen from the foregoing "Conditions" and the "Certificate and  
 Agreement" (and the note of explanation with each) what the church and its  
 legal organization must do to obtain the money which has been appropriated by  
 the Board of Trustees of the Congregational Union. The *Treasurer* is not au-  
 thorized to pay any appropriation until assured that all of these conditions have  
 been faithfully fulfilled; therefore, to save delay, it is important that definite in-  
 formation be furnished him as to the condition of all necessary matters pertaining  
 to the erection of the house of worship at the time of sending him the Certifi-  
 cate and Agreement. Whenever such information is received, showing a satisfac-  
 tory compliance with these conditions, the money will be immediately forwarded.

A LEGAL FORM BY MEANS OF WHICH A CHURCH CAN HOLD PROPERTY EVEN THOUGH THE LAWS OF THE STATE MAY NOT RECOGNIZE A CHURCH AS A LEGAL CORPORATE BODY.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that I,                    of                    in the County of                    and State of                    in consideration of                    Dollars to me paid by all of                    in the county of                    aforesaid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell, and convey unto the said                    and their heirs and assigns, forever, a certain parcel of land with the meeting-house and other buildings thereon, situated in said                    being described as follows, viz. :—

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the afore-granted premises, with the privileges and appurtenances to the said                    their heirs, successors, and assigns, forever, but in trust and confidence, and to and for the following uses and purposes, and none other, that is to say : to hold the above-granted premises and any meeting-house or other buildings which are now or may hereafter be erected or standing thereon, for the use and benefit, and subject to the order and control of the members of the                    Church in                    such control and order to be exercised and manifested in the manner hereinafter declared.

Said church shall be constituted and consist of such persons only as have been or shall be admitted to subscribe, and shall have subscribed the Articles of Faith and Covenant agreed upon and adopted by said church at an Ecclesiastical Council held at said                    on the                    day of                    18                    and shall in all other respects have become members of said church in accordance with its rules and regulations.

In order that the proceedings of said                    Church may be permanently recorded and preserved, there shall be a Clerk chosen from time to time, by a majority of the male members of the church, of the age of twenty-one years or over, who shall be present at meetings called and notified according to the by-laws thereof.

Said Clerk shall keep a true and faithful record of the doings of said Church, in respect to said granted premises. The said premises, including said meeting-house, shall be held, used, and occupied in such manner as the major part of the male members of said church, of the age of twenty-one years or over, who are present at any meeting duly called and notified according to the provisions of the by-laws thereof shall, from time to time, vote and determine ; provided always that such vote and determination are in strict accordance with the uses, trusts, and purposes hereinafter set forth and declared, and in no respect inconsistent therewith.

At such meetings said members may by vote, as aforesaid, appoint some suitable person to let the pews or seats, upon such terms and for such times, not exceeding one year, as said members may fix and determine by vote at said meetings ; they may also by vote elect a Treasurer of said church, and other officers thereof, and prescribe their duties ; they may also by vote, as aforesaid, from time to time, authorize their Treasurer, the Deacons, or Trustees appointed for the purposes aforesaid to insure the meeting-house and other buildings against loss by fire, for

whom it may concern, payable, in case of loss, to such person or persons as the church may designate, for the benefit of said church, and for the purposes of the trust aforesaid; they may also, by vote as aforesaid, cause said meeting-house to be altered or repaired, when they have the funds requisite for that purpose, and the same may in their judgment be necessary or proper to be done, and, in case of destruction or decay thereof, may cause the same to be rebuilt; or when a major part of the church, at a meeting duly called for the purpose, shall, by vote, as aforesaid, determine that in their judgment the interests of religion demand it, they may cause the premises aforesaid, and the buildings thereon to be sold, and other premises to be purchased, or other houses to be built, and to that end may make use of any trust funds arising from the rents of pews, insurance moneys, sale or otherwise, in making such repairs, alterations, rebuilding, purchase, or building anew.

And to the end that there may always be a known body of Trustees, competent to act in respect to the premises, it is provided and hereby declared, that it shall always be competent for two of said Trustees to act, the other, if living, having been notified and requested to join with them, and if the Trustees herein named, or any of them, or any future Trustees or Trustee hereof shall die, go to reside abroad, desire to be discharged from, renounce, decline, or become incapable or unfit to act as Trustee in the premises, then and in every and any such case, it shall be lawful for the major part of the male members of said church, of the age of twenty-one years or over, at a meeting thereof duly called and notified, as aforesaid, by vote, to be certified by their said Clerk, to nominate and substitute any person to be Trustee hereof, in place of the Trustee so dying, going abroad, resigning, renouncing, or becoming incapable or unfit to act as aforesaid, and thereupon such proceedings may be had, as by law in such cases provided, in respect to supplying such vacancy, or as may be required, and the Trustee so appointed shall be vested with the same rights and property, and subject to the same duties as are herein provided in respect to the Trustees herein named, in and to the premises herein conveyed. Or it shall be competent, if either of the present or future Trustees shall see fit to resign his trust, or the heirs-at-law of any Trustee who shall die, to convey his interest in the granted premises to the Trustee chosen as aforesaid, in his place, by a proper deed, who shall thereby be and become vested with all the rights and powers, and subject to all the duties herein prescribed, to and for the Trustees herein named.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the said \_\_\_\_\_ have hereunto set my hand and seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and \_\_\_\_\_

Signed, sealed, and delivered }  
in presence of }



## LIFE-MEMBER'S CERTIFICATE.

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THE LIFE-MEMBER'S CERTIFICATE of the American Congregational Union is designed to be symbolic of and appropriate to the leading object of this society, —church-building at the West. The engraving is composed of three pictures grouped into one. On the extreme left is a sketch of the landing of the Pilgrims, representing them in their first act of worship on the shores of the New World, —the planting of Congregationalism in America. On the extreme right is another sketch, showing a pioneer wagon, drawn by an ox-team, just emerging from the forest in the distance, and approaching a farm-house on the edge of the clearing; while a school-house in the foreground of the picture represents the Sunday use of this important edifice in early settlements,—symbolizing the pioneer movements of the Pilgrims' descendants in establishing their modes of worship while settling the regions of the great West.

The central picture, the most prominent feature of the design, represents a neat modern church edifice, toward the doors of which groups of people may be seen wending their way on Sunday morning to worship the God of the Pilgrims, who guides and protects their descendants.

The sketch of the landing of the Pilgrims is encircled by a wreath of evergreens, —suggestive of New England scenery and life; while the picture of the new settlement at the West is surrounded by a wreath of oak leaves and acorns, —symbolic of the character and hardihood of the Sons of the Pilgrims in their Western homes. These wreaths of evergreen and oak blend beneath the central picture of the engraving, —uniting the East and the West.

Thus the design of this engraving represents the spirit of the Pilgrim Fathers, stretching far away into the new settlements of the West, laying there the foundations of Puritan churches, which, in subsequent years, rise up in honor and glory from city, town, and hamlet, and dot the prairies with heavenward-pointing spires.

This picture tells the story of the noble work of the *Congregational Union* in collecting and transmitting the material sympathy of the sons and daughters of New England to the new churches rapidly springing up throughout the West, to enable them to possess neat and comfortable houses of worship, as citadels from which the battles of liberty, justice, and truth may be waged against error and ungodliness in all their forms.

This society has already aided in erecting nearly four hundred such towers of strength for God and the right, and will continue its noble work as the means placed at its disposal shall enable it.

Twenty-five dollars entitles a person to one of these certificates, and to a vote in the meetings of the Union. Five hundred dollars secures the completion of a house of worship worth from three to five thousand dollars.

## LIFE-MEMBERS,

BY THE PAYMENT OF TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS OR UPWARDS.

- Abbe, Rev. F. R., Abington, Mass.  
 Abbott, Dea. Austin, New York.  
 Abbott, Dea. Z., Winchester, Mass.  
 Abernethy, Charles, New York.  
 Adams, Joseph B., Grafton, Mass.  
 Adams, Rev. N., D. D., Boston, Mass.  
 Addington, S. H., Niagara City, N. Y.  
 Alden, Rev. Eben, Jr., Marshfield, Mass.  
 Alden, Rev. E. K., D. D., S. Boston, Mass.  
 Alden, Mrs. Maria, Boston, Mass.  
 Allen, Chas. J. F., South Boston, Mass.  
 \*Allen, George, Jr., Chelsea, Mass.  
 Allen, Rev. Sam'l H., Windsor Locks, Conn.  
 Allen, William, New York.  
 Alling, Stephen B., Newark, N. J.  
 Alling, Mrs. Stephen B., Newark, N. J.  
 Ames, James T., Chicopee, Mass.  
 Anderson, Rev. Jos., Augusta, Mich.  
 Anderson, Rev. Jos., Waterbury, Conn.  
 Anderson, Rev. R., D. D., Boston, Mass.  
 Andrews, Artemas F., New Ipswich, N. H.  
 Anthony, Rev. Geo. N., Peabody, Mass.  
 Arms, Rev. H. P., D. D., Norwich T., Conn.  
 Atkinson, Rev. T., Orange Valley, N. J.  
 Atwater, Rev. E. E., New Haven, Conn.  
 Atwater, Dea. Elihu, " "  
 Atwater, Mrs. R. H. D., New Haven, Conn.  
 Atwood, Payne G., Boston, Mass.  
 Avery, Nathan P., Greenville, Conn.  
 Ayer, Rev. Joseph, Voluntown, Conn.  
 Ayers, Alexis, Newark, N. J.  
 Bacon, Rev. Geo. B., Orange, N. J.  
 Bacon, Geo. W., Newton, Mass.  
 Bacon, Rev. James M., Essex, Mass.  
 Bacon, Joseph N., Newton, Mass.  
 Bacon, Rev. L., D. D., New Haven, Conn.  
 Badger, Rev. Milton, D. D. New York.  
 Bailey, Capt. Chas., Newburyport, Mass.  
 Bailey, J. G., Rockville, Conn.  
 Bailey, Capt. Robert, Newburyport, Mass.  
 Baker, Walter W., Lexington, Mass.  
 Baldwin, Rev. Elijah C., Branford, Conn.  
 Bannister, Mrs. Z. P., Newburyport, Mass.  
 Barber, Miss Mary C., Worcester, Mass.  
 Barbour, Prof. William M., Bangor, Me.  
 Barnard, W. R., Groton, Mass.  
 Barnes, Alfred S., Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Barrows, Rev. J. Otis, Exeter, N. H.  
 Barstow, Hon. Amos C., Providence, R. I.  
 Bartlett, Rev. Pres. P. M., Marysville, East Tennessee.  
 Bartlett, Rev. Wm. A., Chicago, Ill.  
 Bassett, N. G., Newburyport, Mass.  
 Batcheller, Ezra, North Brookfield, Mass.  
 Bates, A. C., Rutland, Vt.  
 Bates, Levi M., New York.  
 Batt, Rev. Wm. J., Leominster, Mass.  
 Beach, Dea. Isaac N., Providence, R. I.  
 Beebe, James M., Boston, Mass.  
 Beecher, Rev. Henry Ward, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Belcher, A. P., Berkshire, N. Y.  
 Bell, Dea. James, Orange, N. Y.  
 Benedict, Dea. Charles, Waterbury, Conn.  
 Benedict, Robert D., Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Benjamin, Dea. Everard, New Haven, Conn.  
 Bennett, Joel P., Rochester, N. Y.  
 Benson, F. A., Newton, Mass.  
 Benton, Rev. J. A., San Francisco, Cal.  
 Berry, David C., Newark, N. J.  
 Berry, Joshua, Belgrade, Me.  
 Berry, Thomas S., New York.  
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 Bigelow, Mrs. E., Lewiston, Me.  
 Bigelow, Hon. E. B., Grafton, Mass.  
 Bigelow, Mrs. Mary A., Weston, Mass.  
 Billings, Charles E., Newton, Mass.  
 Bingham, Rev. Joel S., Boston, Mass.  
 Bird, G. H. W., Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Birge, Nathan N., Bristol, Conn.

- Bisbee, Rev. J. H., Huntington, Mass.  
 Biscoe, Rev. T. C., Uxbridge, Mass.  
 Bishop, Timothy, New Haven, Conn.  
 Blagden, Rev. G. W., D. D., Boston, Mass.  
 Blanchard, Rev. A., D. D. Lowell, Mass.  
 Bliss, Rev. Charles R., Wakefield, Mass.  
 Bliss, Theodore, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Bodwell, Rev. J. C., D. D., Hartford, Conn.  
 Bodwell, Rev. Lewis, Topeka, Kan.  
 Bond, Rev. Alvan, D. D., Norwich, Conn.  
 Boswell, Charles, West Hartford, Conn.  
 Bourne, Rev. S., Harlem, N. Y.  
 Bouton, Rev. N., D. D., Concord, N. H.  
 Bowen, Charles, Tarrytown, N. Y.  
 Bowen, Clarence W., Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Bowen, Edward A., Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Bowen, Edward E., Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Bowen, Henry C., Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Bowen, Henry E., Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Boynton, Eleazar, Jr., Medford, Mass.  
 Bradford, Mrs. Ellen, Mansfield, Ohio.  
 Bradford, Dea. J. R., Jamaica Plain, Mass.  
 Brady, Mrs. Maria P., Harlem, N. Y.  
 Brown, Ephraim, Lowell, Mass.  
 Brown, Miss E. R., Patchogue, N. Y.  
 Brown, Rev. George, Newark, N. J.  
 Brown, Rev. Wm. B., Newark, N. J.  
 Bruce, Rev. H. J., Ahmednugger, India.  
 Bubier, Samuel M., Lynn, Mass.  
 Buck, Rev. E. A., Fall River, Mass.  
 Buck, Richard P., Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Buckingham, Rev. S. G., D. D., Springfield, Mass.  
 Buckingham, Hon. Wm. A., Norwich, Conn.  
 Budington, Rev. Wm. Ives, D. D., Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Bulkley, Rev. E. A., D. D., Plattsburgh, N. Y.  
 Burnham, Dea. C., South Boston, Mass.  
 Burnham, Francis, Essex, Mass.  
 Burt, William, Kalamazoo, Mich.  
 Burwell, Capt. A. A., Chelsea, Mass.  
 Bushnell, Rev. Geo., Beloit, Wis.  
 Bushnell, Geo. L. G., Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Butler, Dea. Charles, New London, Conn.  
 Butler, E. K., Jamaica Plain, Mass.  
 Butler, Rev. Jeremiah, Fairport, N. Y.  
 Butler, William, Rockville, Conn.  
 Butterfield, Rev. H. Q., Topeka, Kan.  
 Cady, Rev. Daniel R., Arlington, Mass.  
 Cady, Mrs. Daniel R., " "  
 Caldwell, C. B., Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Caldwell, W. E., " "
- Calkins, Norman A., New York.  
 Callender, David B., Medford, Mass.  
 Campbell, Dea. Jeremiah, Chelsea, Mass.  
 Capron, Miss Mary J., Attleboro', Mass.  
 Capron, Rev. Wm. B., A. B. C. F. M. Madura, India.  
 Carpenter, Rev. C. C., Chattanooga, Tenn.  
 Carpenter, Philo, Chicago, Ill.  
 Carrier, U. W., Rockville, Conn.  
 Carruth, Nathan, Dorchester, Mass.  
 Carter, Calvin H., Waterbury, Conn.  
 Carter, Dea. L. H., Plainville, Conn.  
 Carter, Rev. Wm., Pittsfield, Ill.  
 Chadbourne, Chas., Gorham, Me.  
 Chaffin, Edward, Newton, Mass.  
 Chaffin, John C., " "  
 Chandler, Malcom, Brighton, Mass.  
 Chandler, Hon. Myron S., Lunenburg, Vt.  
 Chapin, Alonzo, M. D., Winchester, Mass.  
 Chapin, Dea. Marcus, Monson, Mass.  
 Chapin, Marvin, Springfield, Mass.  
 Chaplin, Mrs. Lois, New Haven, Conn.  
 Chapman, Eustace C., Rockville, Conn.  
 Chapman, Geo. H., Winchester, Mass.  
 Cheever, Rev. G. B., D. D., New York.  
 Cheever, Rev. H. T., Worcester, Mass.  
 Cheseborough, Rev. A. S., Glastonbury, Conn.  
 Child, Rev. Willard, D. D., Crown Point, N. Y.  
 Chittenden, Miss M. I., Chelsea, Mass.  
 Chittenden, S. B., Brooklyn, N. Y.  
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 Clark, Rev. P. K., Mitteneague, Mass.  
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 Clarke, Mrs. Peter, Paris, France.  
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- Coit, Alfred, New London, Conn.  
 Coit, Rev. Joshua, Brookfield, Mass.  
 Coit, Robert, New London, Conn.  
 Colton, Rev. Willis S., Washington, Conn.  
 Conant, Chas. E., Winchester, Mass.  
 Cone, Rev. L. H. Springfield, Mass.  
 Conner, A. D. L. F., Henniker, N. H.  
 Copp, Mrs. Fedora F., Chelsea, Mass.  
 Copp, Rev. Jos. A., D. D., " "  
 Cowdery, Robert, Winchester, Mass.  
 Cowles, Rev. John S. W., Bellevue, Ohio.  
 Crane, Mrs. Z. M., Dalton, Mass.  
 Creevy, J. K., Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Crombie, Wm. A., Burlington, Vt.  
 Crommelin, R. O., Orange, N. J.  
 Crosby, Dea. Judah, Lowell, Mass.  
 Crowell, Jeremiah, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Cunningham, Rev. J., Sweden, N. Y.  
 Currier, Rev. Albert H., Lynn, Mass.  
 Curtis, Abner, East Abington, Mass.  
 Cushing, Rev. C., Boston, Mass.  
 Cushing, Isaac, Boston, Mass.  
 Cushing, Mrs. Mary F., Cambridge, Mass.  
 Cushing, Miss Mary F., Cambridge, Mass.  
 Cushing, Miss Nancy, South Scituate, Mass.  
 Cutler, Stephen H., Winchester, Mass.  
 Cutter, Rev. Edward F., Rockland, Me.  
 Cutter, Mrs. Edward F., " "  
 Cutter, Mrs. M. W., Woburn Centre, Mass.  
 Cutter, Stephen H., Esq., Winchester, Mass.  
 Dada, Rev. L., Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Daggett, Rev. O. E., D. D., New Haven, Conn.  
 Dana, Rev. M. M. G., Norwich, Conn.  
 Darling, Grace, Warsaw, N. Y.  
 Darling, J. H., " "  
 Darling, Kate, " "  
 Darling, Laura E., " "  
 Darling, Margaret A., Warsaw, N. Y.  
 Darling, Rev. Walter E., Kennebunk, Me.  
 Dascomb, Rev. A. B., Woodstock, Vt.  
 Davenport, Dea. Theo., Stamford, Conn.  
 Davis, Fred., Newton, Mass.  
 Davis, Rev. J. G., D. D., Amherst, N. H.  
 Davis, Mrs. Julia P., Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Davis, Robert, Concord, N. H.  
 \*Davis, Mrs. Samuel, Boston, Mass.  
 Davis, S. Nelson, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Day, Hon. Calvin, Hartford, Conn.  
 Day, R. L., Newton, Mass.  
 Day, Dea. William, Bristol, Conn.  
 DeForest, Dea. A., New Haven, Conn.  
 Delamater, G. D., Meadville, Pa.  
 Dennen, Rev. Stephen R., Woburn, Mass.  
 Denny, Charles A., Leicester, Mass.  
 Dexter, Charles H., Windsor Locks, Conn.  
 Dexter, Rev. H. M., D. D., Boston, Mass.  
 \*Dewey, Rev. C., D. D., Rochester, N. Y.  
 Dickerman, Rev. L., Walpole, N. H.  
 Dickinson, Rev. N. S., Foxboro', Mass.  
 Dillingham, C. H., Rockville, Conn.  
 Dillingham, E. B., " "  
 \*Dimmick, L. F., D. D., Newburyport, Mass.  
 Dimmick, Mrs. Mary E. Providence, R. I.  
 Dodd, Rev. S. G., Middleboro', Mass.  
 Dodge, Rev. John, North Brookfield, Mass.  
 Dodge, John W., Baltimore, Md.  
 Dodge, Lewis W., Grafton, Mass.  
 Doggett, Rev. T., Niagara Falls, N. Y.  
 Drake, Albert, Esq., South Boston, Mass.  
 Drake, Dea. Jeremy, South Boston, Mass.  
 Dungan, Dea. W. W., Newton, Iowa.  
 Dunham, Rev. Isaac, Taunton, Mass.  
 Dunham, J. H., New York.  
 Dunham, Rev. S., West Brookfield, Mass.  
 Dunning, Charles, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Dunning, Rev. H. N., South Norwalk, Conn.  
 \*Dutton, Rev. S. W. S., D. D., New Haven, Conn.  
 Dwinell, Rev. Israel E., D. D., Sacramento, Cal.  
 Eames, Dea. James, Providence, R. I.  
 Eaton, Rev. J. M. R., West Fitchburg, Mass.  
 Eddy, Rev. Z., D. D., Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Edgerton, Lycurgus, New York.  
 Edmands, Hon. J. W., Newton, Mass.  
 Edmonds, Gardner, Boston, Mass.  
 Edwards, Rev. H. L., North Middleboro', Mass.  
 Edwards, Rev. Jonathan, Dedham, Mass.  
 Eldridge, Rev. J., D. D., Norfolk, Conn.  
 Elliot, Rev. H. B., New Canaan, Conn.  
 Elwell, James W., Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Ely, Alfred B., Newton, Mass.  
 Emerson, Rev. Joseph, Andover, Mass.  
 Emerson, Dea. R. V. C., Newton, Mass.  
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## CONSTITUTION.

I. — This Association shall be known in law as THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

II. — The particular business and objects of the Society shall be to collect, preserve, and publish authentic information concerning the history, condition, and continued progress of the Congregational churches in all parts of this country, with their affiliated institutions, and with their relations to kindred churches and institutions in other countries ;

To promote, by tracts and books, by devising and recommending to the public plans of co-operation in building meeting-houses and parsonages, and in providing parochial and pastoral libraries, and in other methods, the progress and well-working of the Congregational church polity ;

To afford increased facilities for mutual acquaintance and friendly intercourse and helpfulness among ministers and churches in the Congregational order ;

And, in general, to do whatever a voluntary association of individuals may do, in Christian discretion, and without invading the appropriate field of any existing institution, for the promotion of evangelical knowledge and piety in connection with Congregational principles of church government.

III. — Its business shall be managed by a board of not more than thirty, nor less than five, Trustees.

MEMBERS. — Any person approving the objects of this Society, and desirous of co-operating with it, may become a member for life on the payment of twenty-five dollars or more, at one time ; or a member for the current year, on the payment of any other sum not less than one dollar.

OFFICERS. — The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, a Board of Trustees, together with a Treasurer, Secretary, and such other executive officers as shall be needful for the transaction of its business.

The President, Vice-Presidents, and Board of Trustees shall be elected by the Union at the annual meeting. The Secretary, Treasurer, and other agents shall be appointed by the Trustees.

The Trustees shall have entire charge and oversight of the business of the Union, with power to fill vacancies in their number until the next annual election.

MEETINGS. — The annual meeting of the Union shall be held in New York or Brooklyn, on the second Thursday in May, when the report of the Board of Trustees shall be presented, the election of officers take place, and other appropriate business be transacted.

Special meetings may be called in New York or elsewhere, either by vote of the Union, or at the request of a majority of the Trustees, of which extensive public notice shall be given.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES. — The time for the regular meetings of the Board of Trustees is on the afternoon of the third Tuesday of each month, except July and August.